



Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Why major in women's studies at Cal State Fullerton?

Drawing on the core competencies contained in general education, women's studies places great emphasis on the skills of critical thinking, writing and oral communication, as well as incorporating technical expertise when needed. Women's studies majors develop proficiency in a wide variety of research methodologies appropriate to humanities and the social sciences, as well as the areas of business, science and the arts. In our ever-changing world, students from a variety of backgrounds, both men and women, find the degree in women's studies to be a beneficial foundation for any number of careers. Additionally, students majoring in other disciplines discover that taking classes in the Women's Studies Program, and even supplementing their degree with a minor in women's studies, leads to a richer understanding of the world.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Women's Studies at Cal State Fullerton offers:

Great Credentials – The Women's Studies Program is committed to a program of study that affirms and promotes better lives for women and men in a diverse and complex world. We offer a wide range of courses that are targeted to our students' career and life goals.

Outstanding Faculty – Faculty members are internationally recognized scholars who hold degrees from prestigious universities and are eager to share their enthusiasm about women's studies with their students.

Fantastic Students – Our alumnae hold professional positions at schools, colleges and companies around the world. Many of our students go on to graduate studies and find themselves excelling in their chosen fields, whether women's studies, non-profit work, activist law, business or another field of interest.

Online Access – All students have an e-mail account and online access to a student portal, which enables them to communicate with professors, manage course work, and monitor academic records.

Flexibility – Classes meet to coincide with your work schedule, both during the day and in the evening. Look into our "Finish in Four" program for those entering as freshmen.

What types of career opportunities are available?

With portions of the women's studies curriculum focusing on issues related to diversity, discrimination, cultural awareness, political action and social change, graduates of the program are well prepared to enter fields involved in organizational transition and strategic planning. In addition, the degree is beneficial to students considering careers in the area of human relations such as personnel administration, recruitment, job training and diversity awareness. Mastering communication skills also prepares women's studies graduates for careers in journalism, teaching at the elementary and secondary levels, business and public administration. With an increased sensitivity to issues such as diversity, women's studies majors are well prepared for graduate education in counseling, family relations, mediation and arbitration. Women's studies majors are also equipped with excellent analytical skills and interdisciplinary perspectives, which make them prime candidates for law school, graduate school and eventually doctoral studies.

What courses are required?

The Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies requires completion of 39 units selected from the following categories:

Core Requirements (18 units)

Women's Studies 205 Gender and Globalization (3 units)

Women's Studies 302 Introduction to Intercultural Women's Studies (3 units)

Women's Studies 350 Research, Methodology and Writing (3 units)

Women's Studies 450 Theory, Practice, Internship and Community Service (3 units)

Women's Studies 480 Feminist Theories (3 units)

Breadth Requirements (9 units)

Choose three courses from the following:

American Studies 320 Women in American Society (3 units)

Anthropology 332 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3 units)

Psychology 310 Psychology of Women (3 units)

Sociology 354 Sociology of Gender (3 units)

Women's Studies 343 Philosophy of Feminism (3 units)

Women's Studies 360 Politics of Sexuality (3 units)

Women's Studies 485 Women and Politics (3 units)

Elective Options (12 units)

Choose courses from various disciplines or from additional breadth requirements. Please refer to the University Catalog for elective courses.

Is a minor available?

To receive a minor in women's studies, students complete 24 units selected from the following categories:

Core Courses (6 units)

Women's Studies 205 Gender and Globalization (3 units)

Women's Studies 302 Introduction to Intercultural Women's Studies (3 units)

Breadth Courses (9 units)

Choose nine additional units from courses listed above under breadth requirements for the major.

Elective Courses (9 units)

Choose nine additional units selected from core, breadth or elective courses. Please refer to the University Catalog for elective courses.

What activities can I join?

Third Wave and WSSA, the Women's Studies Program's student groups, are actively involved students who present speakers, participate in campus-wide events and coordinate social and instructionally related programs. They contribute significantly to the extensive annual Women's History Month programming on campus.

Another great resource for women and men at Cal State Fullerton is the Women's/Adult Reentry Center. The Women's Center is a place where students find help with any problems they may have and to study, relax and simply make new friends. Programs and services include individual counseling, speakers, films, skill-building workshops, developmental groups, resource information and referrals.

Are there any internships or scholarships available?

Women's studies majors have completed internships with local political action networks, such as the National Organization for Women, with local media outlets, such as KPFK Pacifica Radio in Los Angeles, and activist organizations, such as Critical Resistance. The Women's Studies Program also offers the opportunity for interested students to enter into internships with lawmakers around issues of public policy, such as in the Sacramento Semester Program.

Cal State Fullerton also offers the Evvy Bauman Women's Studies Scholarship, the Sandra Sutphen Book Scholarship and a number of awards and scholarships for continuing students with a declared major or minor in women's studies.

What kind of financial aid is available?

The university offers many types of financial aid including loans, grants and scholarships. To find out more, call the Office of Financial Aid at (714) 278-3125.

Who advises me?

The program coordinator and Women's Studies faculty members conduct undergraduate advisement in women's studies. Visit our website at: <http://hss.fullerton.edu/womens> to learn more about the Women's Studies degree at Cal State Fullerton. You may also contact us via e-mail through the website. Contact Professor Renae Bredin, program coordinator for information.

If you follow our program outline and meet with your adviser regularly, you will stay right on schedule.

How can I learn more?

The program's website introduces faculty members, provides course descriptions, acquaints students with graduation requirements and presents information about the field of women's studies. We encourage you to look us up on the Internet; however, we suggest that you also visit us in person and speak with an adviser. The program's office is located in Humanities 214. You may also write to us at:

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We look forward to helping you achieve your academic goals.