



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 student's 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.

Internet Access – All students have e-mail access and computer labs link each student to the World Wide Web.

Flexibility – Classes meet to coincide with your work schedule, both during the day and in the evening. Look into our "guaranteed four-year graduation" 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 for the major?

The Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies requires completion of 38 units selected from the following categories:

Core Requirements (17 units)

Women's Studies 205 Comparative and International Women's Movements (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 (6)
Biology 360 Biology of Human Sexuality (2 units)

Breadth Requirements (9 units)

Choose three courses from the following:

American Studies 450 Women in American Society (3 units)
Anthropology 432 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3 units)
Political Science 485 Women and Politics (3 units)
Psychology 310 Psychology of Women (3 units)
Women's Studies 312 Multicultural Identities and Women's Experience (3 units)
Women's Studies 320 Gendered Techno-culture (3 units)
Women's Studies 343 Philosophy and Feminism (3 units)

Elective Options (12 units)

Choose courses from various disciplines or from additional breadth requirement.

Is a minor available?

To receive a minor in women's studies, students complete 23 units selected from the following categories:

Core Courses (5 units)

Women's Studies 302 Introduction to Intercultural Women's Studies (3 units)
Biology 360 Biology of Human Sexuality (2 units)

Breadth Courses (9 units)

Choose nine additional units from courses listed as core or breadth requirements (listed in major requirements above).

Elective Courses (9 units)

Choose nine additional units selected from core, breadth or elective courses (as explained in major requirements).

What activities can I join?

Third Wave, the women's studies' student group, are actively-involved students who present speakers, participate in colloquia and panel discussions 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. The Adult Reentry Center serves adults who, after a break in their education, are considering beginning or continuing college. The center provides support and guidance for currently-enrolled reentry students and others whose needs differ from those of the traditional university student.

Are there any internships or scholarships available?

Women's studies' majors have created internships with local political action networks, such as the National Organization of Women, as well as internships with local media outlets, like KPFK Pacifica Radio in Los Angeles. 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 to continuing students with a declared major or minor in women's studies. The scholarship is named in honor of a long-time member of the Women's Studies Program Council.

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 Web site at: <http://hss.fullerton.edu/womens/index> to learn more about the women's studies degree at Cal State Fullerton. You may also contact us via e-mail through the Web site. Contact Professor Sandra Sutphen, program coordinator, or Professor Renae Bredin 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 Web site 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 Education Classroom 475. You can also write to us at:

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We look forward to helping you achieve your academic goals.