AMENDMENT 19

(Ratified August 18, 1920)

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AMENDMENT 20

(Ratified January 23, 1933)
Women’s and Gender Studies
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What can I do with a Women’s & Gender Studies Major or Minor?

Women’s & Gender Studies (WGS) graduates get jobs in many different fields. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of Clark’s WGS program our students develop both critical thinking and collaborative skills in both their major field and WGS. Our students develop the marketable skills of analysis, research, writing, communications, leadership and organization. Graduates enjoy successful careers in law, politics, government policy, K-12 education, business and international and community development. Many students go on to complete professional and academic advanced degrees.

Undergraduate Academic Program

Clark launched its Women’s & Gender Studies program in 1979. In spring 2006, the university approved the Women’s & Gender Studies (WGS) major, effective fall 2006. The program continues to offer a minor. The WGS major provides students with a solid foundation in women’s studies and gender analysis, introduces them to a range of disciplinary approaches to women and gender, and helps them to develop an area of specialization within the field. Courses stress the importance of social ideas and relationships such as those shaped by gender, ethnicity, race, and class to understand better individual and collective experiences, past and present. The major requires a minor in another field (and encourages a double major) in order to reinforce connections with existing majors.

Choosing an Advisor

As part of declaring a major or minor in WGS, all students must select an advisor. You should choose someone in or near your area of specialization. Advisors can be drawn from the WGS faculty across the university. If you do not yet know the faculty members closest to your area of specialization, the WGS Director will help you identify an advisor based on your WGS specialization, minor field or second major.
Major Program Requirements

All Women’s & Gender Studies majors must take ten (10) WGS courses, as well as complete a minor or a second major in another field. The major requirements are distributed as follows:

**Three Core Courses:** Introduction to Women’s Studies  
Feminist Theory  
Senior Capstone seminar or internship

**Three Introductory or 100-Level Courses** from *three* different departments

**Three 200-Level Courses** in a chosen theme or area of specialization from at least *two* different departments. Students will design a specialization in consultation with their advisor and must receive the approval of the WGS Director.

**One Methods or Skills course** related to student’s WGS specialization. This course may overlap with the required minor or second major.

Minor Program Requirements

Students who wish to obtain a minor in WGS must meet the following requirements which include a minimum of six WGS courses distributed as follows:

**WS110 Introduction to Women’s Studies**

Four additional courses listed as part of the WGS program (it is recommended that these include both social sciences and humanities). Two of these courses must be at the 200 level.

One-credit internship or special project, or an advanced research seminar in WGS. All internships include readings and a faculty supervisor.
Course Selection

Core Courses:
WS110 Introduction to Women’s Studies
WS200 Feminist Theory
Senior Capstone WGS299, 296, or other*

Students must complete a capstone course taught or supervised by a WGS faculty member and produce a major research paper or essay. In addition, the capstone may be an individual internship or a special project. Students may also satisfy the capstone requirement with an approved WGS Seminar or an Internship Seminar, both of which may be cross-listed with another department. *Professor must be notified that seminar is approved as a senior capstone for WGS.

Appropriate capstone seminars include, but are not limited to:
ENG249 Signs and Crossroads: Semiotic Theory and Practice
ENG260 Studies in 18th-Century British Literature
ENG262 Studies in 19th-Century British Literature
ENG263 British Romantic Literature: Race and Imperialism
in Romanticism
GEOG237 Feminism, Nature and Culture
GEOG277 Gender, Environment and Development
HIST213 Gender and the American City
HGS236 Gender, War and Genocide in 20th-Century Europe
HIST234 Racial Thought and Body Politics in Modern Europe (1500-2000)
HIST291 Dangerous Women
ID209 Beyond Victims and Guardian Angels: Third World Women, Gender and Development
IDCE269 Raced Nature, Gendered Developments: The Political Economy of Environmental Conservation
PSYC265 Psychology of Men
PSYC275 Societal Approaches to Thinking
PSYC295 Advanced Topics on Gender and Society
SOC278 Family Issues in an Aging Society
SOC294 Global Ethnographies: Ethnographers in the Making for the 21st Century
SOC296 Internship Seminar: Gender
Introductory or 100-level courses from three different department:

**English**
ENG133 Survey of Women Writers I
ENG134 Survey of Women Writers II

**Foreign Language and Literature**
CMLT109 Human Rights & Literature
CMLT132 Sexuality & Textuality
FREN112 Fairy Tales of the World
JAPN190 Japanese Women Writers

**Geography**
GEOG136 Gender and Environment

**Government and International Relations**
GOVT091 Gender Gap and American Politics (First-Year Seminar)
GOVT102 Women and War (First-Year Seminar)
GOVT117 Revolution and Political Violence
GOVT147 World Order and Globalization
GOVT175 Women and U.S. Politics

**History**
HIST037 19th-Century America Through Women’s Eyes
HIST219 Women in American History*  
HIST229 Women in European History*  
HIST282 Chinese Women in Literature and Society*  
* These 200-level courses can count towards the Introductory/100 level requirement.

**International Development and Social Change**
ID120 Introduction to Socio-Cultural Anthropology
ID125 Tales from the Far Side
ID131 Local Action Global Change

**Psychology**
PSYC265 Psychology of Men and Masculinity (First-Year Seminar)

**Sociology**
SOC090 No Sweat (First-Year Seminar)
SOC176 The Family

**Visual and Performing Arts**
TA109 Contemporary Women Playwrights
200-Level Courses: Specialization in two or more departments

The specialization is not within an existing department or discipline, but should cross at least two. Examples could include: Women in Comparative Fiction; Women and Work; Gender and Environment; Gender, War and Militaries; Women and Social Change; Gender, Identity and Sexuality; Gender, Culture and Human Rights; Feminist Critiques of Globalization. Each student will define a specialization (comprising WGS courses in two or more departments) with their advisor, to be approved by the WGS Director. These courses can be developed from among the many courses offered within the following departments/programs:

**English**
ENG242 Feminist Critical Theory
ENG255 Studies in the Renaissance
ENG260 Studies in 18th-Century British Literature
   (topic dependent)
ENG262 Studies in 19th-Century British Literature
   (topic dependent)
ENG263 British Romantic Literature
ENG268 Regendering History: British Women Writing History
ENG277 Race and Gender in African-American Literary Theory
ENG295 Gender and Discourse

**Foreign Languages**
CMLT208 History and Fiction of Caribbean Women Writers
CMLT220 Global Freud
FREN211 Coming of Age in the French Novel
SPAN236 Women in Hispanic Literature

**Geography**
GEOG237 Feminism, Nature, and Culture
GEOG258 Utopian Vision, Urban Reality
GEOG277 Gender, Environment and Development

**Government and International Relations**
GOVT275 Gender, Politics, and Development in Africa
GOVT268 Peace & War
**History**
HIST212 History of Sexuality: 1750 to present
HIST213 Gender and the American City
HIST219 History of American Women
HIST229 Women in European History
HIST234 Racial Thought/ Body Politics in Modern Western Societies
HIST236 Gender, War and Genocide: Europe in the 20th Century
HIST282 Chinese Women in Literature and Society

**International Development and Social Change**
ID209 Beyond Victims and Guardian Angels
ID269 Raced Nature, Gendered Development
ID285 Gender and Global Change
IDCE30207 Alternating between International Feminist Thinking and Gender, Militarization and Development (Intensive seven-week seminar, 1/2 credit; WGS seniors only)
IDCE30275-Gender and Development Planning (Intensive seven-week seminar, 1/2 credit; WGS seniors only)

**Management**
MGMT222 Women in the Health-Care System
MGMT5308 Women in Management (Intensive seven-week seminar, 1/2 credit, WGS seniors only)

**Philosophy**
PHIL219 Feminist Theory

**Psychology**
PSYC249 Women in Society
PSYC250 Gender, Families, Close Relationships
PSYC275 Societal Approaches to Thinking
PSYC295 Advanced Topics on Gender and Society
PSYC326 Feminist Perspectives on Mind, Self, Identity and Development
Sociology
SOC258 Women in Jewish Culture
SOC275 Family Issues in an Aging Society
SOC294 Global Ethnographies: Ethnographers in the Making for the 21st Century
SOC296 Internship Seminar on Gender

Visual and Performing Arts
ARTH248 Gender and Representation
SCRN288 Gender and Film
ARTS204 Sacred Space

Methods and Skills

One course relevant to student’s WGS specialization may overlap with the second major or minor. Alternative methods or skills classes may be approved as exceptions by the WGS Director.

ENG295 Gender and Discourse
COMM248 Social Research Process
GEOG210 Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Geography
GOVT107 Research Methods
HIST120 Writing History
ID132 Research Methods for International Development and Social Change
PSYC105 Quantitative Methods
SOC105 Social Research Process
TA127 Analysis of Theater Production
Internship Opportunities

For Women’s and Gender Studies majors there are a wide variety of possible internships. In the recent past, students have completed successful internships at places such as:

The Feminist Majority Foundation
Planned Parenthood
NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
The Center for Women & Enterprise
Women Unlimited—women’s magazine publication
Girls Incorporated
Association for Women in Science
The Institute for Women’s Policy Research
The Women’s Sports Foundation
MassNARAOL—part of the Mass Emergency Contraception Network
Our Bodies Ourselves
Teen Voices Magazine
Abby’s House
Oxfam America
YWCA
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Worcester Historical Museum
AIDS Project Worcester
The Boston Women’s Fund
Women’s Initiative (United Way)
Daybreak Shelter for Women

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Many WGS majors and minors participate in All Kinds of Girls as undergraduate mentors. Students who take on an additional leadership role can use this experience as a basis for satisfying the senior capstone/internship requirement. Students seeking such credit must get the approval of the WGS Director in advance.

All Kinds of Girls is a mentoring program that aims to build self-esteem and self-confidence in girls ages 9 to 12. AKOG is run by the female undergraduate students of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. The program provides a safe space for the girls to use their expansive capabilities to express themselves creatively.

AKOG aims to:

Help girls to recognize their own strength by providing them with a safe space to express and maintain their true voices.

Expose girls to different life options by building a bridge between girls from Worcester and young women from the Women’s and Gender Studies community.

Nurture the socio-emotional development of girls by supporting the self-assurance that girls naturally possess as preadolescents.

Foster understanding by bringing together girls and women from diverse class, ethnic and racial backgrounds.
Women’s & Gender Studies Major Worksheet

Theme or Area of Specialization:

Minor or Second Major:

Three Core Courses:
1. Introduction to Women’s Studies WS110
2. Feminist Theory WS200
3. Senior Capstone WS299, 296 or other*  
   *Professor must be notified that seminar is approved as senior capstone for WGS.

Three Introductory or 100-level WGS courses from three different departments:

4. __________________________________________________________________________

5. __________________________________________________________________________

6. __________________________________________________________________________

Three 200-level WGS courses in a chosen theme or area of specialization from at least two different departments:

7. __________________________________________________________________________

8. __________________________________________________________________________

9. __________________________________________________________________________

One Methods or Skills course related to student’s WGS specialization. This course may overlap with the required minor or second major. Alternative methods or skills classes may be approved by the WGS Director.

Methods courses include: Communications and Culture 248, English 295, Geography 210, Government 107, History 120, ID 132, Psychology 105, Sociology 105, Theater Arts 127

10. __________________________________________________________________________
Women’s and Gender Studies
Minor Worksheet

A minimum of six (6) WGS courses distributed as follows:

1. Introduction to Women’s Studies WS110

Four additional courses as part of the WGS program (it is recommended that these include both social sciences and humanities). Two of these courses must be at the 200 level.

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

One-credit internship or special project, or advanced research seminar in WGS. All internships include readings and a faculty supervisor.

6. 
