

Women and Gender Studies, Cert

Department: Women and Gender Studies Program

College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

The women and gender studies certificate program provides a broad base of study that addresses the intersecting issues of gender, age, race, ethnicity, class, regionalism, nationalism, and sexual identity as they affect women and men. The certificate is complementary to a wide variety of majors and gives greater depth to each student's individual studies.

Traditional disciplines are reexamined through the lens of gender, including history, literature, psychology, sociology, political science, art history, and more. Students have the opportunity to attend lectures and workshops outside of the classroom to gain further exposure to issues related to women and gender.

A flexible, interdisciplinary academic program, women and gender studies is unique at USU in bringing together women and men of all ethnicities and sexual identities to explore the many ways in which gender influences people's lives and world views. Courses focus on the role of gender in human culture, examining the dynamics of sex roles and gender ideals, both historically and in the present. Through coursework and research, students engage in the study of femininities and masculinities from many perspectives and disciplines, as well as the social forces that construct these gender identities.

Career Options

The certificate program helps students view their individual majors through the perspective of women and gender issues. It is complementary to prelaw and premed plans of study, as well as journalism and communication, but students can benefit from coupling this certificate with any degree. Career options available to students depend on their individual major, but the communication, research, and analytical skills developed in women and gender studies make students even more marketable.

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Students admitted to Utah State University in good standing qualify to complete this certificate in conjunction with their chosen major.

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Certificate (UG)**.

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Advising

All new USU students participate in a [New Student Orientation](#) program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Perspectives: This club is open to all interested students and not limited to those pursuing the certificate in women and gender studies. Students meet frequently to hold discussions on a variety of topics that they approach from many perspectives. They also host various activities throughout the semester.

Labs, Centers, Research

With the second oldest [undergraduate research](#) program in the nation, USU offers students a wide range of opportunities to gain hands-on research experience. The [Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities](#) program allows students to apply for grants and receive funding. USU's [Honors Program](#) prepares students for excellent graduate programs by helping them build relationships with professors, participate in research projects, take smaller, more intensive classes, and develop leadership skills.

Center for Women and Gender: The center provides a professional and social climate to enhance opportunities through learning, discovery, and engagement. Its philosophy is that gender refers broadly to gender relations, social arrangements, organizations and institutions, masculinities and femininities, as well as gender discourses. The Center supports human empowerment in professional, social, and educational arenas by bringing together diverse expertise and resources.