

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs	UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies College Arts and Letters	
Program Name MA in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date <i>(TERM & YEAR)</i> Spring 2021
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>The MA in WGSS offers 3 tracks: a thesis option, an internship option, and a non-thesis option. Although the tracks are all equally valued by the program, the non-thesis option has required 6 additional credits of coursework over and above the other options, and as a result, students for whom it would be the most appropriate track have not been able to pursue it or have avoided pursuing it. This revision means that all WGSS MA programs require 30 credits, and makes our program more comparable with other programs in the field. It will increase timely degree completion by ensuring that students can pursue this option as a realistic track in their final semester if the faculty determine that it is the best course for the student's academic success.</p>		
<p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>		
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Nicole Morse, morsen@fau.edu, 561-297-3083	Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation N/a - since students were required to take additional WST courses, this will not impact other departments	
Approved by Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	Date 11/11/20 _____ 11/17/20 _____ 11/18/2020 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

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Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Faculty:

Morse, N., Director; Beoku-Betts, J.; Caputi, J.

The faculty represents a variety of departments in several colleges at the University. A list of [current faculty](#) may be obtained from the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Master of Arts with Major in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

The Master of Arts degree in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) offers students the opportunity to gain cross-disciplinary, advanced knowledge of the impact of gender in diverse areas of life. The degree helps prepare students to enter a variety of professions for which a sophisticated knowledge of gender issues is considered a desirable employment qualification.

Students who receive the Master of Arts in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies are prepared for doctoral work in Women's Studies and related programs, such as the Florida Atlantic University doctorate in Comparative Studies.

Admission Requirements

1. The student must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, preferably with a concentration (major, minor or certificate) in Women's Studies. Applicants without appropriate work in Women's Studies may be admitted on the condition that additional coursework in Women's Studies is completed in addition to the requirements for the M.A. degree.
2. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 undergraduate credits attempted and competitive Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores. Applications are accepted for the fall and spring terms only.
3. In addition to the University application, students must complete the application specific to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. This application includes the following requirements:
 - a. An essay addressing the student's interest in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate work, talent or experience that will contribute to this academic program and educational and professional goals;
 - b. Three letters of recommendation using the form that accompanies the application (at least two letters from professors);
 - c. A writing sample of 12-20 pages of researched writing representing the student's best academic work and critical thinking;
 - d. If interested, the application for a graduate assistantship.

Admission Requirements for Candidacy

1. A student seeking the M.A. in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies must file an application for candidacy with the director of the program after completion of 18 credits of graduate coursework.
2. Along with the candidacy application, a student in the thesis or internship option should submit a thesis or internship proposal.
3. The student should have an advisory committee of three faculty. A maximum of two faculty associates may be on the committee. The advisory committee will serve as the thesis committee.

Degree Options and Requirements

Requirements: Students must receive a grade of "B" or better in all courses.

As the M.A. in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary degree, accepted courses for the M.A. will be posted prior to registration. All 6000-level courses with a WST prefix are acceptable, along with many other courses from other departments. Please check with the program office before registering to learn if a course has been approved. Refer to the [Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies website](#).

Options: Three options are available for students interested in this M.A. program.

Core - 6 credits - Required for all three options		
Feminist Theory and Praxis	WST 6564	3
Seminar in Global Perspectives on Gender	WST 6936	3
Thesis Option - 24 credits		
Thesis - 6 credits		
Master's Thesis (may be taken over multiple terms)	WST 6971	1-6
Electives - 18 credits - Select 15 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College of Arts and Letters. Select 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.		
Total		30
Non-Thesis Option - 3024 credits		
Directed Independent Study - 3 credits		
Directed Independent Study	WST 6909	1-3
Electives - 2117 credits - Select 21 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College of Arts and Letters. Select 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.		
Total		306
Internship Option - 24 credits		
Internship - 6 credits		
Graduate Internship in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (may be taken twice for a total of 6 credits)	WST 6941	1-6
Electives - 18 credits - Select 15 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College of Arts and Letters. Select 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.		
Total		30