

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	Department ^{WGSS} College Arts and Letters		
Program Name Master of Arts		<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2025
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>The Executive Committee of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies proposes to add a 3rd non-thesis option in addition to the internship and exam tracks to support on time graduation. The option would allow students to take 36 credits of coursework to complete the degree, without completing a capstone.</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, 7-3083		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation N/a	
Approved by		Date	
Department Chair _____		1-16-24	
College Curriculum Chair _____		2-5-24	
College Dean _____		02/05/2024	
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WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

(Minimum of 30-36 credits required, depending upon track)

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. 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: ~~Four~~**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
Seminar in Global Perspectives on Gender	WST 6936

Option 1: Thesis ~~Option~~ - 24 credits

Thesis - 6 credits

Master's Thesis (may be taken over multiple terms)	WST 6971
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Electives - 18 credits - Select 15 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College and 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.

Total

Option 2: Comprehensive Exams ~~Non-Thesis Option~~ - 24 credits

Reading/Writing Exams - 3 credits

Directed Independent Study	WST 6909
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Electives - 21 credits - Select 18 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College and 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.

Total

Option 3: 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
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Electives - 18 credits - Select 15 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College and 3 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.

Total

Option 4: Coursework - 36 credits

Electives - 27 credits - Select 15 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses within the College and 12 credits from any 5000- or 6000-level courses outside the College.

Total