

<b>FAU</b> <b>FLORIDA</b> <b>ATLANTIC</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Undergraduate Programs</b>		UUPC Approval <u>11-4-24</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> Women's Studies <b>College</b> Honors College		
<b>Program Name</b> Women's Studies Concentration and Minor	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR) Spring 2025	
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>Add POS 4693 Honors Women, the Workplace, and the Law, to Electives in the Women's Studies concentration, and minor, replacing POS 3693 Women and the Law.</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>			
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b> Mark Tunick/tunick@fau.edu/68670		<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b>	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair <u>M. A. V-33</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>Terje Platt</u> College Dean <u>Jonnie Smith</u> UUPC Chair <u>Korey Sarge</u> Undergraduate Studies Dean <u>Dan Meeroff</u> UFS President _____ Provost _____		<b>Date</b> <u>10/11/24</u> <u>10-11-2024</u> <u>10/11/24</u> <u>11-4-24</u> <u>11-4-24</u> _____ _____	

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# CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Students must earn a "C" or better in each course taken to fulfill a concentration requirement.

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Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary field designed to provide an understanding of the complex ways in which gender and sexuality are defined in relation to society, culture, science and technology. Its critical perspectives are both analytical (synchronic) and historical (diachronic). The field of Women's Studies challenges and transforms traditional disciplines through new methods and theories generated by feminist scholarship. It offers students critical ways of thinking about how prevailing issues of gender and sexuality shape social, political, economic, and institutional structures as well as personal experiences and perceptions. At the same time, it offers diverse perspectives on women's issues, within local, regional, and global contexts, self-critically presenting continuous challenges to Women's Studies itself. In this sense, Women's Studies promotes awareness of diversity among women through the integration of content and theory to reflect the racial, social, ethnic, sexual and other forms of diversity of women's experiences and practices. Hence Women's Studies is, by design, an interdisciplinary, multicultural, and critical project with both theoretical and practical goals.

Women's Studies promotes and encourages practices of empowerment including campus activism, as well as political involvement in the community. Areas of emphasis within Women's Studies are the study of gender and sexuality, including gay and lesbian studies; race, ethnicity, and class; science, technology, and medicine; feminist theories and feminist activism.

The Honors College concentration in Women's Studies provides the necessary background for students wishing to do graduate work in Women's Studies; cultural studies; sociology; social studies of science, technology and medicine; feminist philosophy; law; international studies and other related studies in humanities and social sciences.

**Available Options:** Concentration in Women's Studies; [Minor Concentration in Women's Studies](#).

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### Important Notes

*Students are highly recommended to do their internship or study abroad in an area related to Women's Studies.*

*Also, students are reminded they need 45 upper-level (3000 or 4000-level) credits to graduate.*

A Woman's Studies concentrator will have acquired the following specific skills upon completion of the concentration: critical thinking and writing skills; an historical and critical comprehension of the interdisciplinary contributions of philosophy, anthropology, sociology, linguistics, psychology, biology, and economics to the understanding of gender and the situation of women; appreciation of international and multicultural perspectives on the lives and contributions of women to civilization; a critical understanding of the ways in which systems of knowledge and power operate in the making of the interlocking structures of sexism, racism, heterosexism and classism, as well as an understanding of how one's own identity is informed by those systems; an ability to establish connections between feminist theories and other academic areas of study, as well as between feminist scholarship and feminist activism; an ability to comprehend the challenge of living in the multicultural, globally interdependent world of the twenty-first century.

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Course #	Course Name	Credits
WST 3015	Honors Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WST 4504	Honors Feminist Theory	3
IDS 4970	Honors Thesis (two semesters)	6
	Area of Emphasis: Feminist Studies	9
	Area of Emphasis: Gender and Society	9
	Related Area Electives	6
	Total Credits	36

**Note:** *at least 15 of the 18 credits in the Area of Emphasis must be 3000 or 4000 level and at least three credits of Related Area Electives must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.*

## AREAS OF EMPHASIS

**Feminist Studies Emphasis** (*9 credits; at least 6 credits must be at the 3000-4000 level*): Courses in this area relate directly to feminist approaches to Women's Studies and their interrelationship with critical race, class, and sexuality studies.

### Feminist Studies Emphasis

Course #	Course Name	Credits
WST 4563	Honors Representation of Female Bodies: Science, Medicine, Culture	3
SYD 4792	Honors Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality and Science	3
SYP 4303	Honors Sex Panics in History and Society	3
WST 4905	Honors Directed Independent Study ( <i>Note: Only 3 DIS credits may be applied to the WST concentration</i> )	1-3
WST 4930	Honors Special Topics in Women's Studies ( <i>variable topic, may be repeated</i> )	3
SYG 1933	Honors Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuality and Transgender Studies	3
SYP 4803	Honors Gender and Technology	3
WST 3325	Honors Women, Violence and Resistance ( <i>MacArthur Campus</i> )	3

**Gender and Society Emphasis** (*9 credits; at least 6 credits must be at the 3000-4000 level*): Courses in this area more broadly address gender issues in various social contexts.

### GENDER AND SOCIETY EMPHASIS

Course #	Course Name	Credits
POS 4693	Honors Women, <b>the Workplace</b> , and the Law	3
WST 3640	Honors Sex and Gender in American Culture ( <i>MacArthur Campus</i> )	3
ECP 3145	Honors Gender in Economics and the Global Economy	3
WST 4905	Honors Directed Independent Study ( <i>Note: Only 3 DIS credits may be applied to the WST concentration</i> )	3
WST 4930	Honors Special Topics in Women's Studies ( <i>variable topic, may be repeated</i> )	3

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ANT 4302	Honors Gender and Culture ( <i>MacArthur Campus</i> )	3
HUM 3320	Honors Contemporary Multicultural Studies	3
ANT 3212	Honors Peoples Around the World	3
SPW 4492	Honors New Literature of the Spanish Caribbean	3
PHI 3882	Honors Philosophy of Literature	3
PSY 4930	Honors Special Topics: Human Sexuality Psychology	3
SYG 3401	Honors Introduction to Cultural Studies	3
PHI 4804	Honors Critical Theory and Practice	3
PHI 2642	Honors Ethics of Social Diversity	3
PSY 4930	Honors Special Topics: Psychology of Women	3

**Electives in Related Area of Studies** (*6 credits, at least 3 credits must be at the 3000-4000 level*): Courses in this area of electives need not be about Women's Studies or gender studies but reflect the interdisciplinary emphasis of the Honors College program by providing an important opportunity critically to understand the connections between Women's Studies and other fields of study. Please note that courses that students can take in this area are not limited to the ones listed here. Beyond this list of electives, students may petition to include special topics and other courses when the subject matter is relevant.

## ELECTIVES IN RELATED AREA OF STUDIES

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ANT 2410	Honors Culture and Society	3
ANT 1933	Honors Freshman Seminar: Anthropology of Religion	3
SOP 3004	Honors Principles of Social Psychology	3
SYG 1000	Honors Introduction to Sociology	3
SYG 1933	Honors Freshman Seminar in Sociology	3
PHI 2361	Honors Ways of Knowing	3
POS 4603	Honors Constitutional Law I	3
POS 4604	Honors Constitutional Law II	3
CPO 4305	Honors Religion and Politics in Latin America	3
PHI 3682	Honors Environmental Philosophy	3
ARH 4930	Honors Special Topics in Art History: The Artist's Body	3

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PPE 3003	Honors Personality	3
DEP 4905	Honors Personality and Social Development	3
GEA 3003	Honors Geography of the Developing World	3
AMH 2010	Honors U.S. History to 1877	3
AMH 2020	Honors U.S. History Since 1877	3
AML 4611	Honors Afrofuturism	3
ISS 4304	Honors Computational Social Science	3
LIT 1933	Honors Freshman Seminar in Literature: "Humanism"	3
LIT 3361	Honors Postmodern Literature	3
EVR 2017	Honors Environment and Society	3
EUH 3604	Honors European Intellectual History I	3
EUH 3607	Honors European Intellectual History II	3
EUH 3618	Honors "Sense of Place" Across Time	3

## MINOR CONCENTRATION IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Students must take at least 15 credits of coursework to obtain a minor concentration in Women's Studies. At least 9 of these credits must be at the upper level and at least 50% of upper level courses must be from the Honors College. Students must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average in coursework that counts toward the minor concentration. A student earning the minor in Women's Studies may also qualify for the Certificate in Women's Studies from FAU.

### Minor Concentration Requirements

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
WST 3015	Honors Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WST 4505	Honors Feminist Theory	3
	<i>Nine credits from the courses in the table below</i>	9
	<b>Total Credits (<i>minor concentration</i>)</b>	<b>15</b>

## MINOR CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ANT 4302	Honors Gender and Culture ( <i>MacArthur Campus</i> )	3
ECP 3145	Honors Gender in Economics and the Global Economy	3
HUM 3320	Honors Contemporary Multicultural Studies	3

Course #	Course Name	Credits
POS <del>3693</del> 4693	Honors Women, <u>the Workplace</u> , and the Law ( <del>MacArthur</del> <i>Campus</i> )	3
PSY 4930	Honors Special Topics: Psychology of Women	3
SYD 4792	Honors Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality and Science	3
SYG 1933	Honors Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuality and Transgender Studies	3
SYG 3401	Honors Introduction to Cultural Studies	3
SYP 4303	Honors Sex Panics in History and Society	3
SYP 4803	Honors Gender and Technology	3
WST 3325	Honors Women, Violence and Resistance ( <i>MacArthur</i> <i>Campus</i> )	3
WST 3640	Honors Sex and Gender in American Culture ( <i>MacArthur</i> <i>Campus</i> )	3
WST 4563	Honors Representation of Female Bodies: Science, Medicine, Culture	3
WST 4905	Honors Directed Independent Study ( <i>Note: Only 3 DIS credits may be applied to the WST</i> <i>concentration</i> )	1-3
WST 4930	Honors Special Topics in Women's Studies ( <i>variable topic,</i> <i>may be repeated</i> )	3