

WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR

Program Description

As an institution that centers its mission in the historical Christian faith, Seattle Pacific University affirms that women are created in God's image, redeemed by Christ, and called to lives of scholarship, service, and leadership.

Because of its adaptability, this minor complements majors in areas such as Sociology, Psychology, Communication, English, Political Science, and Business. The program also draws from the disciplines of Theology and History to more fully illustrate its interdisciplinary nature. Within the program, students develop an understanding of the social construction of gender in historical, contemporary, Western, and global contexts. The program draws on courses from across Seattle Pacific's curriculum and allows students to choose those that best fit their interests, along with the required Introduction to Women's Studies Course and a senior project course.

Entering and Completing the Minor

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. Minors are not required except for students in the Professional Studies (BA). SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, including minors, so if you change your mind about a minor or want to include an additional minor, you are able to do so as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen minor(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a minor within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU, request entrance to your minor in Banner by following these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/#!/cp/Th4S0jCE>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OTR/pages/179077187/Major+Minor+and+Concentration+Application+Instructions>) to enter a minor in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a minor; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different minor.
- You must complete the minor requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the minor.

Women's Studies Minor

30 Credits Minimum, Including 15 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements ¹		
WST 2350	Introduction to Women's Studies	5
WST 4940	Internship	1

or WST 4960 Independent Project

Section Credits Required 6-10

Electives²

ANT 2250	Cultural Anthropology
BIO 3898	Women in Science
COM 1101	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication
ENG 2234	Literature by Women
ENG 2248	International Fiction
ENG 3004	Literature, Gender, and Sexuality
ENG 3332	African American Literature
ENG 3334	United States Multi-Ethnic Literature
ENG 3381	Middle East: Film and Literature
ENG/SJC 3382	South Africa: Stages of Protest and Democracy
ENG 3384	US Imperialism in Asia & Pacific Islands
ENG 3550	Gothic Literature
ENG 4449	Jane Austen
FCS 3240	Individual and Family Development
HIS 2720	Women in Early Islamic History
HIS 3765	Family, State and Patriarchy in East Asia
NUTR 2321	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle
POL 3330	Global Women's Issues
SOC 2000	Sociology of Gender
SOC 2252	Marriage and the Family
SOC 3105	Introduction to Community Development
SOC 3215	Social Inequality: Power and Privilege
SOC 4210	Gender in the Global Context
SOC 4252	Sociology of Family
SOC 4910	Seminar
THEO 2730	Biblical and Theological Introduction to Christian Reconciliation
THEO 3331	Women in Christianity
THEO 3510	Theology, Culture, and Society

Section Credits Required 20-24

Total Credits 30

¹ Select 6-10 credits

² Select 20-24 credits, to total 30 and enough to reach 15 UD