



## B.A. in Women's Studies

### Major information

The women's studies major is a comprehensive program incorporating disciplines and registered programs from all the schools at St. Bonaventure University. The curriculum instructs women and men in a life of courage, one of learning supported by the development of critical minds and a disposition to serve the larger community. Fundamentally, we hope to continue to guide our students toward seeing the world through the prism of gendered power.

### Would you like to:

- Learn about women's studies and the complexity of women's experience?
- Learn the history and current situation of women in society's power structures?
- Discover female perspectives, philosophies and religious experiences?
- Find out how to use gender as a category of analysis?
- Pursue a topic of your choice that integrates women's studies into your own life?

Did you answer YES to any of the above? Then choose women's studies, a major that can take you wherever you want to go.

Women's studies students are equipped to excel in any of the areas that are open to liberal arts or humanities majors. Some of our students elect to major or minor in women's studies along with a major in another discipline.

This demonstrates a diversity of interest and breadth of ability that strengthens our students' current and future endeavors.

### Why women's studies?

Women's studies involves a wide range of perspectives. Students who take women's studies tend to do so for one of two reasons. The first is that they find a female perspective available in our course that is not readily found in others. Our students want to know this side of a story that is at most only hinted at in other courses.

They find it with us, and often express their surprise that more of the female side of the story is not more generally known. Simply put, our students are curious to know more.

Students also tell us they take our courses because they want more varied coursework than in traditional majors. Because women's studies is interdisciplinary, students are encouraged to take courses that center on women, but do so from a variety of perspectives.

Students can take a business, journalism, literature or sports course and find that those are all within our program. It broadens their understanding even while they simultaneously remain focused on one issue: women.

While our graduates are certainly encouraged to pursue graduate degrees in women's studies, many choose other paths, often ones of service to the community. In summary, women's studies offers a different approach for inquisitive students. From social work to law, women's studies students do it all!

### Courses offered

- WS 101. Intro to Women's Studies
- WS-HIST 208. American Women
- WS-MSc 299c. Women in Business



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- WS-PHIL 310. Feminist Philosophy
- WS-PHED 313. Women in Sports
- WS-PSYC 316. Human Sexuality
- WS-ARTH 323. Women Artists: Then & Now
- WS-SPAN 325. Hispanic Women Writers
- WS-HIST 366. Women in East Asia
- WS-THEO 374. Women and the Bible
- WS-POLS 375. Women and Politics
- WS-ENG 377. Women in Literature
- WS-JMC 482. Women, Minorities & Media
- WS 490. Independent Study
- WS 499. Colloquium

### Course requirements

#### Major (30 credits):

- Women's Studies 101, 208, 375 and 499
- Women's Studies 323 and 325 or 377
- Five courses from course offerings

#### Minor (18 credits):

- Women's Studies 101
- Four courses from course offerings
- Women's Studies 499

### For more information

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