

WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Women's Studies, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
ENGL 15 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS)) [*]	3 CAS 100 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS)) [*]	3
LA 83	1.5 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3
WMNST 100, 106N, or 83S [*]	3 General Education Course (GH) (US)	3
General Education Course (GQ) [*]	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS) (FYS)	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses [*]	3
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	16.5	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course (GQ) [*]	3 WMNST 301N [*]	3
General Education Course (GA) (IL)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
Elective	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses [*]	3
	General Education Course (GA)	3
	15	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST 400N or 401 [*]	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3
Major Supporting or Related Courses [*]	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [*]	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST 494, 495, or 496 [*]	3 WMNST 492W [*]	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser) [*]	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses [*]	3
General Education Course (GHW)	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 123

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Advising Notes:

- 24 credits within the major must be completed at University Park (policy 83-80). Talk with your academic adviser for additional details.

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- Students need at least 24 credits in WMNST courses completed at UP due to competency requirements. Campus advisers may make work UP advisers if they have questions about their current students.
- Two general education courses (GQ, GN, GA, GH, GS) must be integrative studies courses - Inter-Domain or Linked.
- 12 credits of Major Supporting and Related Courses could fulfill general education requirements as well, which would mean a student needs more electives than what are listed here.

Women's Studies, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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ENGL 15 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3 CAS 100 (or Honors Equivalent (GWS))*	3
WMNST 100, 106N, or 83S*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 General Education Course (GH) (US)	3
General Education Course (GS) (FYS)	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
Major Supporting or Related Courses*	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses*	3
	15	15

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WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST 301N*	3
General Education Course (GQ)*	3 General Education Course (GN)	3
General Education Course (GA) (IL)	3 General Education Course (GH)	3
General Education Course (GS)	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses*	3
Elective	3 General Education Course (GA)	3
	15	15

Third Year

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LA 283	1.5 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST 400N or 401*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
General Education Course (GN)	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D*	3
Major Supporting or Related Courses*	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
	16.5	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WMNST 494, 495, or 496*	3 WMNST 492W*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3 WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)*	3
WMNST Course (Work with Adviser)	3 Major Supporting or Related Courses*	3

General Education Course (GHW)	3 Elective	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Total Credits 121.5

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