Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Academic Planning Worksheet 2024-2025
Simmons University
Office of Undergraduate Advising

Notes

- The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major consists of **9 courses** (36 credit hours) of coursework. Students in the major are required to complete the following program of study.
- Each course can only be selected to fulfill one requirement and cannot be double counted in more than one required category.
- Simmons requires that all undergraduates complete a minimum of 128 credits of coursework, fulfill PLAN and major/program requirements, and submit a Senior Audit form to graduate.
- All Students are required to complete a capstone before graduating. Consult with your advisor on how best to fill this requirement.
- You may declare a major in the beginning of the first year fall semester. You must declare a major prior to earning 80 credits.

Core Requirements

Students complete a core of THREE courses (12 credit hours).

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Complete
WGSS/RGSS 101	Identity and Power (DEIJ)	4	
WGSS 111	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, & Queer Studies (IL)	4	
WGSS 204	What is Feminism?: Origins of Feminist Thought	4	

Research Methods Course

Students complete ONE Research Methods course (4 credit hours).

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	

WGSS/AST/HIST 375/575	Behind the Veil: Simmons Black Oral History Project
LTWR 221	Approaches to Film and Media Theory
HIST 260	Interpreting the Past: The Craft of History
PSYC 203	Research Methods in Psychology
SOCI 239	Introduction to Social Research

Race, Ethnicity, and Global Perspectives

Students complete TWO Race, Ethnicity, and Global South Perspectives courses (8 credit hours).

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	
	4	

WGSS/ HIST 207	Family, Gender, and Sexuality in Chinese History
WGSS/AST/ SOCI 210	Black Women, Gender, & Feminism
WGSS/ ECON 214	Gender, Globalization, and Development
WGSS/ AST/ SOCI 232	Race, Gender, & Health

WGSS/ AST/ LTWR 241	Contemporary Black Women Writers
WGSS/ POLS 356	Feminist International Relations
WGSS/SOCI/AST 344	Poetry for the People: Black Queer Poets (ALA)
WGSS/ AST/ SOCI 365	Intimate Family Violence: Multicultural Perspectives
WGSS/ AST/ HIST 375	Behind the Veil: Simmons Black Oral History Project

Electives

Students complete TWO electives (8 credit hours) from the list of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality courses (with a WGSS prefix) or chosen from the list of approved classes. See the Elective list below.

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	
	4	

Capstone

Students complete ONE 300-level advanced capstone course (4 credit hours).

Course Selected	Credits	Complete
	4	

RGSS 355	Capstone Project
WGSS / AST / SOCI 365	Intimate Family Violence: A Multicultural Perspective
WGSS / AST/ HIST 375/575	Behind the Veil: Simmons Black Oral History Project
WGSS / HIST 360	Seminar in the History of Women and Gender
WGSS / LTWR 398	Feminist Media Studies
WGSS / POLS 356	Feminist International Relations
WGSS 350	Independent Study
WGSS 354	The Future is Feminist: Comparative Feminist Theories
WGSS 355	Thesis
WGSS/AST/SOCI 344	Poetry for the People: Black Queer Poets

Elective List

WGSS Courses

WGSS 125	Gender, Labor, and The Cultural Politics of Work
WGSS/LTWR 193	Gender and Power in Literature
WGSS /LTWR 212	Queer Literature and Film
WGSS 206 / GCS 406	Feminism in Literature
WGSS /HIST 207	Family, Gender, and Sexuality in Chinese History
WGSS /AST/SOCI 210	Black Women, Gender, and Feminism

WGSS /ECON 214	Gender, Globalization, and Development
WGSS /HIST 215	Women and Gender in U.S. History Before 1890
WGSS /HIST 216	Women and Gender in U.S. History Since 1890
WGSS /POLS 219	Gender and Politics
WGSS /AST/SOCI 232	Race, Gender, and Health
WGSS /POLS 233	Feminism and Capitalism
WGSS /POLS 235	Transgender Politics and Freedom
WGSS /HIST 239	History of Sexuality and the Family
WGSS/AST / LTWR 241	Contemporary Black Women Writers
WGSS /ART 248	Gender and Art
WGSS 258	Special Topics in Gender & Sexuality Studies
WGSS/HIST 260	Women and Gender in Modern Europe
WGSS/SOCI/AST 344	Poetry for the People: Black Queer Poets
WGSS 350	Independent Study
WGSS 354	The Future is Feminist: Comparative Feminist Theories
WGSS 355	Thesis
WGSS /POLS 356	Feminist International Relations
WGSS /HIST 360	Seminar in the History of Women and Gender
WGSS /AST/SOCI 365	Intimate Family Violence: A Multicultural Perspective
WGSS/ AST /HIST 375	Behind the Veil: Simmons Black Oral History Project
WGSS/LTWR 398	Feminist Media Studies

Other Approved Electives

ART 247	Women, Art, and the Italian Renaissance
BIOL 109	Sex, Gender, and Biology
RGSS 355	Capstone Project
HIST 213	Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History
HUM 370	Internship
LTWR 254	The Victorian Novel
LTWR 320	American Women's Poetry
LTWR 354	Melodrama
PSYC 220	Psychology of Gender
SOC 220	Working for Social Justice
SOCI 249	Inequalities
SOCI 330	Global and Transnational Studies
SOCI 347	Antiracism and Justice Work
SPAN 336	Latin American Women Writers

PLAN Requirements

The Simmons PLAN is the undergraduate general education program. Some PLAN courses may be fulfilled with required major courses. Additional PLAN requirements may be fulfilled through electives, courses in minors, or other course offerings. Work closely with advisor(s) to choose courses.

Notes:

- KCA, KSA, Honorific Courses - Master List (beginning Fall 2024)
- A course can satisfy only **one** KCA **or** KSA: Students cannot count one course for two different PLAN requirements.
- Students are allowed to take each of the three required KCAs in their major, if they wish.
- At least two KSAs must be taken outside of the major.

- Any given course will satisfy only the specific KCA or KSA designation it holds at the time it is taken by the student.

General Education PLAN Requirements	Year	Completed
Math: 1) Prior to first year, pass Math Placement Exam or 2) In first year, enroll in MATH 101 (4 credits)	Summer/ Year One	
Writing Boston (4 credits)	Year One	
SIM 100: Simmons Course: Explore (2 credits)		
SIM 200: Simmons Course: Extend (2 credits)	Year Two or Three	

PLAN Key Content Area Courses (KCA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Aesthetic, Literary and Artistic (ALA)		
Global Historical (GH)		
Scientific Inquiry (SCI)		

PLAN Key Skills Area Courses (KSA)	Courses Used to Fulfill	Completed
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice (DEIJ)	WGSS 101	
Integrative Learning (IL)	WGSS 111	
Leadership (LDR)		
Quantitative Literacy (QL)		
Writing-Intensive (WI)		