

Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, BA

Placement Exams for the Major:

1. MAT 1010 will fulfill the math requirement for this major. You can register for MAT 1010 regardless of your SAT/ACT score and you do not need the Math Placement Test. Consult with your academic advisor if you want to consider a higher level math course for any reason.
2. [Language Placement](#)- You must take a foreign language sequence of classes for this major and therefore need to take a language placement test unless starting at the beginning level.

First-Year Student Course Recommendations:

1. RC 1000 or UCO 1200 if there are seats available. If not, it's fine to take both classes in the spring semester.
2. Foreign Language 1010 (or placement level)
3. GWS 2421
4. Sustainability and Climate Resource or Humanity and its Systems Course
5. Quantitative Literacy Course

[Having trouble registering?](#)

- Review the [Student Self-Service Guide](#) for Registration instructions and videos.
- If the courses above are closed, [add yourself to waitlists](#).
- Then add appropriate classes from page 2 of the [2025-2026 Checksheet](#) until you have registered for 12-15 total hours.
- Use the [Gen Ed Requirements in the Bulletin](#) to look up Gen Ed course descriptions.
- Use this [Course Prefixes/Subjects list](#) to know which subject to choose in the Class Search in AppalNet.
- Rewatch the [Gen Ed video in PREP](#) to better understand the Categories and Designations components of Gen Ed.
 - All English Literary Studies: ENG xxxx (LS) designation courses have a prerequisite of R C 1000, First Year Writing (R C = Rhetoric & Composition.)
- BOONE CAMPUS students: Here is a [color-coded 2-page General Education checksheet](#) (updated 3x/day) that shows which Boone Campus Gen Ed classes have open seats.

Alternative Courses for Your First Semester:

Can't get into the classes above? Try these:

- Choose another General Education ILE or LSE course.
- GWS 2600, GWS 2525
- General Education *Science Inquiry course
- A [Foundations of American Democracy \(FAD\) course](#) **unless** you've already met this requirement (check DegreeWorks).

*Note that some science courses need to be taken sequentially (in order). Chemistry Connections, The Physics of our Technological World, and Physics with Calculus are not encouraged for this major because they are required for other majors.

Have you built a 14-16 hour schedule using the classes above?

Are you looking for a class to help you build your skills to be successful in college and help you adjust to college life? Check out these elective courses: [College Success Seminar](#) and [Academic Success Courses](#).

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