

**Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies**  
**Department of Interdisciplinary Studies**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**

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<http://www.ws.appstate.edu/certificate.html>

The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies offers the graduate certificate in Women's Studies (130A/05.0207). The certificate allows students to seek training at the graduate level in women's studies and get formal recognition for completing this training successfully.

Courses in the following disciplines are offered through the Women's Studies Program housed in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies:

IDS: interdisciplinary studies

In addition, the Women's Studies program includes coursework offered by other departments as follows:

- AS: Appalachian studies courses (see the Appalachian Studies program for course descriptions)
- ENG: English courses (see the English program for course descriptions)
- FRE: French courses (see the Romance Languages program for course descriptions)
- GHY: geography courses (see the Geography program for course descriptions)
- HIS: history courses (see the History program for course descriptions)
- HPC: human development and counseling courses (see the Community Counseling program for course descriptions)
- SOC: sociology courses (see the Gerontology program for course descriptions)

Please refer to the Women's Studies website <http://www.ws.appstate.edu/> for lists of approved courses offered by these departments.

**PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (Major Code: 130A/05.0207)**

**Admission Requirements:** Baccalaureate degree in from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume and official transcripts for baccalaureate degree; letter explaining the applicant's education and work background, interests, and plans, with an emphasis on how the WS coursework will enhance, complement, or advance the applicant's work and/or education.

**Hours:** 12 semester hours

**Location:** On Campus

**Program of Study:**

IDS	5600	Feminist Perspectives on Pedagogy and Academe .....	3
IDS	5650	Feminist Theories .....	3
Choose 2 courses out of the following list .....			6
AS	5530	Selected Topics (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5650	Gender Studies (3 s.h.)	
ENG	5200	Issues in Teaching English (when taught by WS faculty) (3 s.h.)	
FRE	5003	French Women Writers (3 s.h.)	
GHY	5130	Seminar in Cultural Geography (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5206	Studies in American History (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5106	Topics in European History (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
HIS	5531	Selected Topics (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
HPC	5130	Women's Issues in Counseling (3 s.h.)	
IDS	5530	Selected Topics (when the topic is gender) (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5660	Women in the Justice System (3 s.h.)	
SOC	5800	Sociology of the Family (3 s.h.)	
<b>TOTAL HOURS FOR CERTIFICATE .....</b>			<b>12</b>

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**GRADUATE COURSES IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IDS)**

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**IDS 5500. Independent Study/(1-4).F;S.**

**IDS 5530-5549. Selected Topics/(1-4).F;S.On Demand.**

**IDS 5600. Feminist Perspectives on Pedagogy and Academe/(3).On Demand.** This course examines the feminist project in university education: the history of women's studies; the equality of women and members of other marginalized groups; gendered power within academic contexts; women in academic and administrative positions; tensions between various groups with emancipatory knowledge seeking projects; and feminist pedagogical practices. Students will examine autobiographical and other materials about the history, place, and progress of women in teaching, research, and administrative positions at American universities. Students will reflect on their own disciplines through an interdisciplinary scholarly lens. Students will be introduced to both professional opportunities and tensions in women's studies specifically and in academia more broadly.

**IDS 5650. Feminist Theories/(3).On Demand.** This course surveys a wide range of contemporary feminist theories explaining the origins, dynamics, and transformation of gender-based inequalities. It examines the intellectual roots of modern feminist theories as well as feminist attempts to overhaul its intellectual roots. Students will be introduced to the connections between feminist theories and other academic debates, and they will study political movements that reach beyond the oppression of women per se. This course examines not only the feminist revisions of and impact on academic discourse but also related intellectual trends and political movements such as postmodernism, deconstruction, poststructuralist theory, postcolonial theory, and critiques of liberalism, humanism, and Marxism.