Explore the possibilities
Unlock your potential
Become a leader in your field

Gender Studies Leadership Certificate

Scholarships and Awards

Undergraduate
- Friends of Sharon Marglous Memorial Scholarship ($750.00)
- Women as Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (Up to $1,500 award)
- The Alan Ross Achievement Scholarship ($2,500 award)

Graduate
- The Alan Ross Achievement Scholarship ($2,500 award)
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship ($10,000/yr + tuition remission)
- The Nanora Sweet Research Fellowship

Awards
Dr. Barbara A. Kachur Writing Awards ($200 each)
- Undergraduate Creative Writing
- Undergraduate Scholarly Essay
- Graduate Scholarly Essay
- Graduate Creative Writing

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What is Gender Studies?
GS classes explore all gendered behavior, including femininity and masculinity, as well as the influence of race, sex, culture, and class on gender politics, institutions, and human interaction.

Why should I take Gender Studies courses?
GS courses develop social and political insights and multidisciplinary perspectives that enhance your major; offer opportunities for personal expression and interaction; teach you to work collaboratively; provide analytical tools to increase personal and global awareness; and improve self reflection, cultural critique, and social activism.

In sum, GS courses improve your marketability—at no extra cost.
Why Do You Need this Certificate?

As women take on leadership roles in the public and private sectors, there is an increasing need for professional development. By providing appropriate course work, this certificate helps women develop a repertoire of leadership strategies. By fulfilling the capstone requirement, students will be able to apply the concepts introduced in their course work.

Testimonials

I treasure my experience with LEAD 2010 - it helped me to grow in so many valuable ways.

--Sharon Pruitt

LEAD helped me verbalize my goals and showed me what I’m best at.

--Leanna Bales

Requirements:

For the Gender Studies Certificate in Women’s Leadership, students must take at least 18 hours of Gender Studies courses. Six hours must include 2 core components:

1) GS 2102: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
2) Capstone Experience: The capstone requirement may be satisfied by GS 4352, Independent Study in Gender Studies (which includes the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, the Women’s University Mentoring Program, the Women’s Executive Leadership institute, or a comparable program approved by the GS director).

The remaining 12 hours may be selected from the following choices; take no more than two courses per curricular designation.

- COMM 2232, Effective Communication in the Organization
- COMM 3337, Male/Female Communication
- GS 2160, Women’s Leadership
- MGMT 3600, Management and Organizational Behavior
- MGMT 3611, Advanced Management & Organizational Behavior
- MGMT 3623, Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- MGMT 3625, Leadership in Organizations
- MKTG 3785, Women in International Entrepreneurship
- PHIL 2253/3253, Philosophy and Feminism
- POL SCI 3590, Women & Leadership Worldwide: Breaking the Glass Ceiling
- PSYCH 2230, Psychology of Women
- PSYCH 3316, Fundamentals of Leadership
- PSYCH 3318, Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- SOC 3600, Mgmt. and Organizational Behavior

What can a GS Leadership Certificate prepare you for? Anything!

GS courses develop:

- Critical thinking and writing skills
- Interdisciplinary knowledge
- Ability to analyze complex institutions
- Skills to fight for social and gender equity
- Experience putting theory into practice
- Mentoring and networking skills
- Awareness of the dynamics of power and privilege

These skills prepare you for careers such as:

- State Rep
- Health Professional
- Psychiatric Nurse
- Director of Youth Programs
- Sexual Abuse Counselor
- Human Resources
- Public Policy Director
- Non-Profit Leadership
- Media Specialist
- Teacher & Professor
- Literacy specialist
- Leadership Training
- Marketing Consultant
- Law Enforcement
- Attorney
- Editor
  
  and more...