

Women's Studies INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

In the Ambrose tradition of concern for social justice and respect for difference, the Women's Studies minor at St. Ambrose provides a variety of opportunities for students to enrich their education by exploring women's heritage of achievements and the changing roles of women and men. By focusing on issues of diversity, the program prepares both women and men for the multicultural world in which they live and work—a world currently being transformed by feminist scholarship.

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Degrees offered and required credit hours

Available to students in any major, the Women's Studies minor provides an interdisciplinary academic focus on issues of women and gender. A total of 18 credit hours are taken from the following categories: 6 credit hours from Women's Studies courses; at least 6 credit hours from core courses in English, psychology, sociology, and theology; and 6 credit hours from affiliated courses in business, communication, health education, history, service learning, and theology; as well as independent study in Women's Studies.

See our course catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog for a full description of required and elective courses.

Program highlights and courses

Students pursuing a minor in Women's Studies select a mentor from among members of the Women's Studies Advisory Committee. The mentor guides and directs the student in selecting courses.

The minor culminates in a capstone experience that provides students an opportunity for research and writing in interdisciplinary areas.

Resources and co-curricular activities

Each year, Women's Studies brings speakers and performers from around the world to the St. Ambrose campus, including lecturers from Iran, El Salvador, Russia, South Africa, and elsewhere.

As part of Winter Intersession in Ecuador, the Women's Studies program also offers a study abroad program, Latin American Women's Issues, which fulfills a general education requirement in social sciences.

Also, in recognition of academic excellence, the Women's Studies program annually offers the Sr. Ritamary Bradley Prize for Research on Women and Gender to outstanding undergraduates.

How can a minor in Women's Studies help you?

Graduates with a minor in Women's Studies have gone on to graduate school in programs such as the doctoral program in English at the University of Indiana and the master's program in Women's Studies and Environmental Biology at the University of Northern Iowa. Other graduates with a Women's Studies minor are working in such careers as law enforcement and in both print and broadcast journalism.

"Women's Studies has been a growth process for me. It's helped me to explore myself and find my identity. It has helped me find answers to who I am and where I am going."

Cindy Carroll '99

Sociology/Psychology major

About the faculty

As an interdisciplinary program, the Women's Studies minor provides students the advantage of learning from professors in a variety of departments including English, history, psychology, and even business and communication.

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Teaches Women's Studies: A Cross-Cultural Introduction, as well as English courses. Prof. Jacobson earned her PhD at the University of Iowa. She has taught at St. Ambrose since 1994 and also advises Inside Down There, a weekly open mike performance forum, as well as helps coordinate the St. Ambrose Study Abroad Program in Ecuador. A beginning violinist, a middling jogger and a would-be dessert chef, she finds joy in learning, travel and engagement in the world.