**\*\*Information for Women's and Gender Studies Majors\*\***

**(Effective Fall 2014)**

*Welcome to the Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) Department!*

To become an official WGST major, complete the College’s **Declaration of Major** form in consultation with your WGST major advisor. (To select an advisor, simply ask a WGST faculty member who you would like to advise you. They need not have expertise in your concentration area.) The Declaration form requires your major advisor’s signature.

The **course requirements** for the WGST major are found on the worksheet on the back of this page. See the WGST website for a list of [Related Courses](http://www.wellesley.edu/wgst/curriculum) approved for the Major.

Each WGST major creates a **concentration** that brings focused depth in a particular interest area to their major. The WGST website describes several common [concentrations](https://www.wellesley.edu/wgst/majorminor/469) and you can create your own concentration in consultation with your WGST advisor. When you declare the major, do steps 1 and 2 below to begin forming your concentration:

1. Draft an initial statement about your particular interest area (one-two paragraphs). Give your concentration a title. List four or more courses that at this point you hope to take to fulfill the concentration. This is a tentative statement as your interests and courses may well change over time.
2. Discuss this draft with your WGST advisor.
3. During the fall semester of your senior year, revise and finalize your concentration statement including title and course list. By the last day of classes that semester, email this document to 1) your advisor for approval, and 2) WGST Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth (Betty) Tiro at etiro@wellesley.edu.

During your final semester as a WGST major, you are required to write a **senior reflection**: a statement reflecting on your intellectual growth through the WGST major. You will receive more detailed information about this from the WGST Department in your final semester.

**Course Requirements for Majors in Women’s and Gender Studies**

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Preferred name and pronouns:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The major requires a minimum of **nine** courses offered in the Department and approved Related Courses taught in other departments. Courses taken at other institutions may be approved to count for major and/or concentration credit - talk with your WGST advisor before taking such courses. No AP credits count toward the WGST major and no more than two 100 level WGST courses count for the major. The major requires a minimum of two 300-level courses in the WGST Department that may include WGST 312, 313, and 360/370\* (\*which count as one course for this purpose), but not 350/350H.The course requirements for the major are as follows:

**ONE CORE COURSE** **PLUS**  **ONE CAPSTONE**

WGST 108 The Social Construction of Gender WGST 312 Seminar: Feminist Inquiry

WGST 120 Introduction to WGST WGST 313 Fieldwork in WGST

WGST 222 Women in Contemporary American Society WGST 360/370 Senior Honors Thesis

**Concentration: ≥ FOUR COURSES** **Title**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *Department, Course #, and Course Title Semester/Year ✓*

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**Additional Courses: ≥ THREE COURSES**

 *Department, Course #, and Course Title Semester/Year ✓*

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