

## **Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies**

The Graduate Certificate in WGS enables students enrolled in graduate programs across the university to pursue comprehensive study in the vibrant, interdisciplinary fields of women's, gender, and sexuality studies and receive institutional acknowledgement of their work. The Certificate will prepare students to conduct research and develop innovative courses in the field, thereby helping them compete in the difficult academic job market. It will also expand career opportunities and professional activities by preparing students for careers in policy development, nonprofit organizations, public health, and other fields.

**Requirements:** The Graduate Certificate in WGS requires four courses focused on women, gender, and/or sexuality and attendance at one pedagogical workshop.

1. Complete GRS WGS 801, Theories and Methods in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies. The emphasis of the course shifts depending on the instructor, but the central goal is to introduce students to the variety and complexity of theories in the interdisciplinary fields of women's, gender, and sexuality studies. Students will also read texts that are crucial to developing, critiquing, and advancing these theories.
2. Complete one of the interdisciplinary, team-taught courses offered by the [Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies](#): Each semester, the Consortium offers graduate seminars taught by at least two faculty members from different disciplines and different institutions. This requirement ensures that students experience interdisciplinary coursework, so necessary to a full understanding of the range of fields included in women's, gender, and sexuality studies, and encourages students to develop networks between universities and programs.
3. Complete two courses centrally concerned with women, gender, or sexuality from offerings in graduate programs across Boston University. Email [wgs@bu.edu](mailto:wgs@bu.edu) for a list of possible courses.
4. Participate in at least one pedagogical workshop: Annual workshops will supplement the pedagogical training graduate students receive in their home departments by focusing on the specific challenges and opportunities graduate students face when incorporating gender analysis into their teaching. Topics vary yearly.

### **Optional:**

The WGS Symposium Series is a monthly series for graduate students ranging in topics and formats. Students might workshop seminar papers or dissertation chapters, practice for job talks or conference presentations, or discuss a reading.

**For more information:** Visit <http://www.bu.edu/wgs/graduate-certificate/>, contact Carrie Preston at [cjpresto@bu.edu](mailto:cjpresto@bu.edu), or call the WGS Program at 617.358.2370.