

Minor in International Studies

The minor requires 21 semester hours, which includes a 12 hour core: GEO 1310, GEO 3303; POSI 3322; and one course from: ECO 3317; POSI 4326, 4327, 4356, 4357, 4359, 4367, and 9 hours of advanced electives: The nine hours of advanced electives are to be selected from an approved list that is available in the Center for International Studies. Please contact an advisor for this list. All courses attempted toward the minor must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better.

Certificate in Interamerican Studies

The Certificate in Interamerican Studies is an innovative program that seeks to educate leaders who are knowledgeable about society, history, culture, languages, government, and business between the United States, Canada, and Mexico in order to improve their ability to be successful in a number of major fields that deal with these countries including trade, conflict, resolution, cultural exchanges, hemispheric security, environmental and health threats, agriculture, access to water, Cuba, immigration and migration, drug trafficking, human rights, democratic institutions, media, public opinion, and labor. It also aims to familiarize students with the tri-lingual and tri-cultural nature of the United States, Canada, and Mexico with the aim of improving their ability to manage or work for firms or government agencies that deal with these countries. Enrollment is open to all majors and post-baccalaureate students who satisfy individual course prerequisites and who are in good academic standing at Texas State.

The certificate requires 21 hours that may be accommodated within the hours required in the undergraduate curriculum for most majors, which include: HIST 4373; POSI 4339, 4358; FR, POR, or SPAN advanced elective, and 9 hours selected from: ANTH 3314, 3345; CI 4378; COMM 3318K; ECO 3320; ENG 3393, 3394; GEO 3308; HIST 3320, 3324, 3325, 3327; IS 4380, 4687; MGT 3375; PHIL 4372; POSI 4338; and TECH 3322.

Courses in International Studies (IS)

- 4380 International Studies Seminar. (3-0) A senior-level seminar that explores international topics through reading, writing, research and group discussion. Students will be expected to produce a significant research paper. This course is required for all International Studies majors and should be taken in the senior year of undergraduate study. (WI)
- 4387 International Studies Internship. (0-10) A semester-long work and study experience in a local, national, or foreign setting. Internships must be approved by the director of the Center for International Studies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: International Studies majors with 60 or more hours and a Texas State GPA of 3.00 or higher. (MC)
- 4687 International Studies Internship. (0-10) A semester long work and study experience in a local, national, or foreign setting. Internships must be approved by the director of the Center for International Studies. Open to International Studies majors and minors with 60 or more undergraduate hours and a minimum Texas State GPA of 3.00. Repeatable once for credit. (MC)

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Diversity Studies

Women's Studies

The Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies (MCGS) in the College of Liberal Arts administers both the Diversity Studies minor at the undergraduate level and the Women's Studies minor at the graduate and undergraduate levels. MCGS helps prepare students to work and live in a pluralistic society through curricular and co-curricular activities — symposia, workshops, exhibits, theater productions, diversity reading discussions, and research projects. In addition, it assists faculty with resources and professional development activities to encourage the infusion of multiculturalism in the curriculum through a Multicultural Curriculum Transformation and Research Institute. It houses a resource area with more than 300 books, articles, syllabi and tapes. The Center sponsors a Women and Gender Research Collaborative with its own online professional peer reviewed Journal of Research on Women and Gender. Through private donations, Multicultural and Gender Studies offers annual scholarships to students. The director of MCGS works in collaboration with an advisory council of faculty and staff representing several Texas State colleges and departments.

Key issues for prospective minors to consider:

- Tomorrow's graduates will be entering a work force dominated by technological, service, and communication industries with an increasingly diverse workplace and clientele.
- Employer demand is increasing for diversity knowledge and skills among today's college students.
- In 2005, the Hispanic and African American population in Texas grew to approximately 51%--or the majority in the state. Texas already has the second largest Hispanic population, the third largest African American population, and the fourth largest Asian population.
- Well-rounded graduates have included in their liberal arts education a greater-knowledge of their cultural history and traditions.

Minor in Diversity Studies

The 18-hour minor provides for an interdisciplinary approach to Diversity Studies. It also provides conceptual frameworks for exploring new perspectives which recover the history and creative expressions previously excluded by the traditional approaches to higher education. The minor fosters students development of self, voice, and moral vision to prepare them to live and work effectively in a pluralistic society. Although not required, the minor currently offers students the option of a concentration in African American, Native American or Latino American Studies. Students may also

explore issues related to religion, age, sexual orientation, and physical ability and disability.

The required core course, (3 hours) ETHS 3301, offers a general, multidisciplinary and comparative survey. It focuses on different contemporary and historical research methodologies currently being used by the various academic disciplines analyzing the diverse social, economic, political and cultural facets of ethnic groups in the United States. Students in this course gain a working understanding of the current issues and research techniques used by professional and academic researchers. Guest lecturers from various disciplines and departments offer students recent research in their fields regarding ethnic studies and their applied methodologies.

The general requirement block (9 hours) focuses on African American, Mexican American, and Native American/American Indian groups and/or link the studies of their country of origin with current and historical research on race and ethnic relations in the U.S. Approved General Requirement Electives include: ANTH 3314, 3315, 3324, 3333, 3334, 3332, 3345, *3375C; ENG 3331, 3344; HIST 3320, 3327, 3329, 3359, 4371, 3369Z, 4372; MU 3375; POSI 4331, 4331B, 4331C; SPAN 3305, 3306, 3371 and 4370.

The general concepts electives block (6 hours) deals more broadly with concepts of ethnicity and need not be limited to the specific groups listed above. These courses provide a theoretical framework for understanding comparative, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of race, ethnicity, and gender. Approved General Concepts Electives include: ANTH 1312, 3370; ARTH 4301; ASD 3310; COMM 3329, 4322; ENG 3345, 3346; FCD 4351; GEO 3306, 3308, 3329, 3353; HIST 3353, 4376, 3372, 3375A, 3380, 4337; HON 3392E; MC 4308; POSI 3319, 3395; PSY 3334; SOWK 4310, SOCI 3327, 3366, 3375; SPAN 4330.

*Special topic courses (those offered on a selective basis) may count toward the minor with the permission of the U.S. Ethnic Studies Program Director.

Minor in Women's Studies

The 18-hour minor offers an interdisciplinary program that concentrates on the images and realities of women. Drawing on recent scholarship on women and gender, it provides a flexible, coherent program that enables students to consider the significance of gender.

On a personal level, courses in this program enhance the human potential of both men and women. Knowledge about how societies construct gender relations can encourage students to examine their own attitudes and behavior. On an academic level, a minor in Women's Studies provides study of the ongoing scholarship about women and gender and offers students the opportunity for exciting intellectual growth. On a professional level, the minor provides a valuable specialty to prepare students for opportunities in a variety of fields, including business, counseling, education, government, health and medicine, human resources, law, politics, psychology, social work, and graduate studies. The Women's Studies minor helps students recognize their opportunities in a rapidly changing society and flexibly complements any major.

All courses within the minor focus principally (at least 60% of course content) on women and/or gender roles. They reflect recent research in the field and differences such as ethnicity, class, sexualities, age, cultures, and social context among women and women's experiences. Courses within the minor also include critical analyses of the construction of knowledge and gender, foster an understanding of the intersection of gender with politics, economics, culture and society and improves student's critical thinking skills related to gender. Finally, these courses connect knowledge about gender to women's lived experiences and behavior in personal and professional contexts.

The two required core courses (6 hours) are WS 3376: Images of Women and WS 3377: Realities of Women. Both of these courses are interdisciplinary and include lectures by faculty from several disciplines and academic departments.

The remaining four elective courses (12 hours) may be chosen from the following: ANTH 3324, 3350; CJ 4326; COMM 3328, 3334; ENG 3388, 3392; HIST 3369Y, 3373; HON 3392A, 3392G, 3392P; MC 4308; PHIL 3333; POSI 4330; PSY 3332; SOCI 3350, 3370. Topics courses, offered on a selective basis, may also count toward the minor with permission from the Women's Studies Program Director.

Course in Diversity Studies (DVST)

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3301 Introduction to Diversity Studies. (3-0) The course is a general, multi-disciplinary and comparative survey of U.S. diversity issues. It highlights the traditional minorities, such as African, Latino/a American, Native, and Asian Americans, as well as European American ethnic groups. It also explores issues related to religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and physical ability/disability. (WI)

Courses in Women's Studies (WS)

3376 Images of Women. (3-0) This course, one of two multi-disciplinary team-taught women's studies courses, is a survey of the changing images of women in the United States since 1800 through the eyes of historians, writers, artists, orators, the media, and educators. (MC) (WI)

3377 Realities of Women. (3-0) This course, one of two multi-disciplinary team-taught women's studies courses, is a study of the realities faced by women in the United States today—including biological and psychological differences in males and females, politics and the law, the workforce, and the home. Gender roles in societies outside the U.S. will also be examined. (MC) (WI)

4388 Independent Research in Women's Studies. (3-0) Independent study course open to advanced students on an individual or small group basis. The research area in Women's Studies, bibliography, and study paper outline are to be approved by the instructor. Prerequisite: Approval of the Director of Multicultural and Gender Studies. (WI)