

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Total Credits: 12

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

## Program Description

The Women's and Gender Studies certificate provides a solid foundation of coursework in the discipline. It provides students with the opportunity to specialize in women's and gender studies in preparation for further work at a four-year institution or for professional, personal and academic opportunities. Students in the program must complete a minimum of 12 credits in women's and gender studies-designated courses: WMST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies (3 credits) or GNDS 101 - Introduction to Gender Studies (3 credits), and 9 additional credits, including a social sciences course, a humanities course, and a general elective, including WMST 101 or GNDS 101 if not taken as a required course. A 200-level course is recommended. **This program can be completed either on campus or online.**

**This program is not approved for Federal or State student financial aid.**

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a systematic knowledge of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship about women and gender.
- Evaluate the influence gender and sexuality have had on contributions in various disciplines and their recognition in various realms.
- Analyze the ways that hierarchical systems, such as sexism and racism, have functioned, have changed, and have continued to change.
- Connect ideas across disciplines, compare theories with experiences, and contrast different academic perspectives on gender.
- Recognize how an awareness of women's and gender issues and roles in society may positively affect the futures of students (in all disciplines) and as professionals (in all professions).

## Program Advisors

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/womens-and-gender-studies/index.html>

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# Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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## Program Requirements

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

### Program Requirements

WMST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies *3 semester hours* \*

OR

GNDS 101 - Introduction to Gender Studies *3 semester hours* \*

### Additional Courses

ENGL 208 - Women in Literature *3 semester hours* \*

GNDS 102 - Understanding LGBT Identities *3 semester hours*

HIST 112 - Women in World History *3 semester hours*

HIST 228 - Women in the Western World *3 semester hours*

HLTH 215 - Women's Health *3 semester hours*

PHIL 212 - Women in Philosophy I *3 semester hours*

PHIL 218 - Women in Philosophy II *3 semester hours*

PSYC 207 - Psychology of Women *3 semester hours* \*\*

SOCY 208 - Sociology of Gender *3 semester hours*

SOCY 214 - Sociology of the Family *3 semester hours*

WMST or GNDS Elective *3 semester hours*

## Total Credit Hours: 12

\* This course carries a co-prerequisite of ENGL 101/ENGL 011.

\*\* These courses carry prerequisites.

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## Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

## Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

## Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Area, Ethnic, and Cultural Studies Teacher, Postsecondary

### Career Services

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### Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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