

URBS 581 (1-3) Selected Topics:

Varying topics dealing with emerging trends and contemporary needs of students resulting from professional changes.

URBS 583 (1-6) Workshop

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URBS 585 (1-6) Community-Based Problem Solving

Problem solving in communities and direct involvement into specific areas of study of student interest.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor

URBS 601 (3) Urban Management Process

Survey course which examines the professions and processes of urban management, including community leadership, organizing, and delivering community services.

URBS 602 (3) Planning Process

Survey of the history, concepts, values, and ethics of public-sector planning. Emphasis on practical and comprehensive approach to developing and implementing plans.

URBS 603 (3) Organization Environment

Changing nature of management of urban and human behavior in the municipal organization. Emphasis on the development of decision-making and communication skills.

URBS 604 (3) Zoning & Legal Issues

Zoning theory, concepts, and techniques, with emphasis on administration of zoning in a planning office.

URBS 609 (1-4) Applied Quantitative Analysis

Use of microcomputers to analyze data and communicate results to citizens and elected officials. Includes introduction to wide range of applied analytical tools.

URBS 615 (3) Urban Professional Seminar

Reading and research class with emphasis on student projects, analysis of contemporary urban problems, and major skills and concepts of urban professions.

Prerequisite: URBS 601 or 602 or permission of instructor

URBS 650 (3) Urban Administrative Services

Provides an overview of urban administrative services with an emphasis on urban finance systems and human resource management. Examines the economic and human resource environment for local government managers' decision-making.

URBS 653 (3) Urban Mgmt Seminar

Discussion, research, presentation, and critique of standard and emerging concepts of urban management.

URBS 661 (3) Long Range & Strategic Planning

Comprehensive planning process in urban areas, including basic studies, capital improvement programming, and exercises.

URBS 662 (3) Operational Planning

Current planning, including zoning, subdivision regulations, annexations, and special projects.

URBS 665 (3) Advanced Planning Seminar

Discussion, research, presentation, and critique of standard and emerging concepts of urban and regional planning.

Prerequisite: URBS 661 or 604

URBS 667 (3) Planning Studio

An advanced learning experience working in small group settings on applied projects and problem solving.

Prerequisite: URBS 661 or 604

URBS 689 (1-4) Individual Study

Individual learning experiences arranged with faculty on a learning contract basis.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor

URBS 694 (1-2) Alternate Plan Paper

Prerequisite: permission of instructor

URBS 697 (1-6) Internship

Scheduled work assignments varying in length and content under the supervision of selected professional sponsors.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor

URBS 699 (1-3) Thesis

The collection and dissemination of original research in compliance with accepted research standards.

Prerequisite: permission of instructor

WOMEN'S STUDIES MS

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

Department of Women's Studies

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The Master of Science in Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program which can be developed with each student's specific interests in mind. Based in the humanities and social sciences, it combines individual coursework, internships, cross-disciplinary seminars, and individual and cooperative research projects in a comprehensive program which is expressly feminist and oriented toward training activists. This program attracts students from the region, throughout the United States and from abroad. Women's Studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato is actively committed to anti-sexist, anti-classist, anti-racist and anti-heterosexist work. Students may combine interests in areas such as counseling, public policy, community action and teaching with feminist theory, methodology and knowledge. Departmental faculty areas of interest include feminist theory, lesbian studies, feminist pedagogy, research methodologies, feminist curricular change efforts, issues of class and classism, women in poverty, social policy, gender stratification, violence against women, women and work, women and aging, politics of health and film studies.

A graduate degree in Women's Studies is beneficial to any work experience in which women are affected – in other words, all. Women's Studies graduates are currently employed as battered women's shelter personnel, directors of human service programs including displaced homemaker services and community action and advocacy services, family therapists, Women's Studies instructors, newspaper editors, freelance and radio journalists, community organizers, cultural workers, K-12 teachers and college administrators. Other students have used their Women's Studies degrees as a rich preparatory base for doctoral work and law school.

Admission. In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of the College of Graduate Studies and Research, a background in Women's Studies coursework and/or experience in community-based women's programs or organizations is required.

Financial Assistance. All applicants are encouraged to seek university sources of financial assistance through application to the Office of Financial Aids. **See Sources of Financial Assistance at the front of the Bulletin.** Graduate assistantships are available in the Department of Women's Studies, Women's Center, the Memorial Library and other campus offices. Second year students who meet requirements may apply for some teaching opportunities in Women's Studies.

WOMEN'S STUDIES MS

(Thesis Plan - 30 credits)

(Alternate Plan Paper - 34 credits)

Required Core

WOST 600 Collective Action/Analysis (3)

WOST 610 Graduate Seminar (3)

WOST 620 Feminist Research (3)

WOST 640 Ideology and Feminist Thought (3)

Choose one of the following:

WOST 697 Internship: College Teaching (1-6; minimum: 3 credits)

WOST 698 Internship (1-6; minimum: 3 credits)

Women's Studies Electives

WOST 540 Feminist Pedagogy (3)

WOST 545 Women and Aging (3)

WOST 555 Women, Sex and Identity (3)

WOST 560 Selected Topics (1-4)

WOST 590 Workshop (1-4)

WOST 677 Individual Study (1-6) **OR**

Any electives from the interdisciplinary program course inventory listed below

Required Thesis or Alternate Plan Paper

WOST 694 APP (1-2)

WOST 699 Thesis (3-6; minimum: 3 credits)

Additional Requirements: Students are required to take a 500 or 600 level seminar outside the department. Please consult with your advisor.

Comprehensive written examinations are required of all students. Students take examinations after all coursework has been completed and before writing their

thesis or alternate plan paper. Students must request the examination two weeks prior to the examination scheduled for Spring Semester. Further information is available through the department.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM COURSES

ANTH	533	Anthropology of Gender (3)
ART	519	Gender in Art (3)
CSP	670	Issues in Counseling Women (3)
EDLD	644	Women in Leadership
ENG	612	Seminar: Women in Literature (3)
ETHN	570	Women of Color (3)
ETHN	580	Social Justice in Ethnicity and Gender (3)
HLTH	500	Women's Health (3)
HIST	587	U.S. Women's History (4)
POL	584	Women and Politics (3)
PSYC	560	Psychology of Women (3)
SOWK	520	Women's Issues in Social Work (3)
SOC	509	Family Violence (3)
SOC	585	Women, Crime, and Social Control (3)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**WOST 540 (3) Feminist Pedagogy**

We explore the key philosophical and methodological issues in feminist pedagogy with an emphasis on application of the material learned. In addition to readings, discussions, and lectures, students develop a teaching philosophy, design a course, write a syllabus, prepare a lesson plan, teach a session, design evaluations, and develop a curriculum vitae.

WOST 545 (3) Women and Aging

Exploration of the forces of ageism in women's lives with the goal of naming and deconstructing interacting systems of oppression. Focus on work, health, sexuality, relationships, creativity, and policy issues affecting women across the life cycle. Cross cultural emphasis.

WOST 555 (3) Women, Sex, and Identity

An exploration and overview of lesbian/bisexual/transgender identities. Possible topics include historical and cross-cultural perspectives; lesbian/bisexual/transgender identities in relation to class, race, age, ethnicity, and disability; lesbian feminism, images and stereotypes; legal status and lesbian/bisexual/transgender cultures.

WOST 560 (1-4) Selected Topics

Offered according to student demand and instructor availability/expertise, topics courses provide curriculum enrichment on an ongoing basis.

WOST 565 (1) Women and Spirituality

The purpose of the conference is to bring together people of diverse spiritual

traditions and to create an atmosphere where ideas about traditions and spiritual growth can be shared. Participation of all people from diverse cultural, spiritual, racial and ethnic backgrounds is encouraged.

WOST 600 (3) Collective Action and Analysis

First in a series of required graduate "core" courses in Women's Studies, this course builds a common foundation in the theoretical and methodological skills in our field. Emphasis is on analytical skills and group dynamics as well as subject content including collective action strategies.

WOST 610 (3) Graduate Seminar

This seminar serves as a critique/work group for class members' thesis and publication goals. We examine the formation of critical consciousness
Prerequisite: WOST 600

WOST 620 (3) Feminist Research

We explore theoretical and epistemological issues in feminist research, as well as developing the practical "nuts and bolts" skills needed to conduct our own research. Research skill workshops include Internet and WEB resources in research and constructing a research design. Class members organize and participate in a research conference.

WOST 640 (3) Feminist Theories

This course examines the development of theories and strategies used by various groups of women to create social change in the 20th century. Special focus on the major theories and issues in international women's movements during this time period.

WOST 677 (1-6) Individual Study

Concentrated study and research in areas of student's special interests/ expertise under supervision of a faculty member. Prerequisite: must be enrolled in the MS program in WOST and have permission of the instructor

WOST 694 (1-2) Alternate Plan Paper

Preparation of an alternate plan paper under supervision of the student's graduate advisor.

WOST 697 (1-6) Internship (College Teaching)

Students assist a faculty member in teaching Women's Studies 110 or 220.
Prerequisite: must be enrolled in the MS program in WOST

WOST 698 (1-6) Internship (Community)

Placement in a community or university-based internship provides the student with experience and practical skills in a particular field of work or service and/or provides an opportunity to pursue a specific research interest. Prerequisite: must be enrolled in the MS program in WOST

WOST 699 (3-6) Thesis

Preparation of a thesis under supervision of the student's graduate advisory committee.
Prerequisite: must be enrolled in the MS program in WOST