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## Women's Studies

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## Graduate Faculty

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### Professors

Gabrielle Bersier\* (German), Paul Carlin\* (Economics), Ulla Connor\* (English), Carol Gardner\* (Sociology), Linda Haas\* (Sociology), Karen Kovacic (English), Missy Kubitschek\* (English), Obioma Nnaemeka\* (Women's Studies, French), Jane Schultz\* (English), Robert Sutton (Foreign Languages), Susan Sutton\* (Anthropology), Patricia Wittberg\* (Sociology), Marianne Woheck\* (History)

### Associate Professors

Dennis Bingham\* (English), Peg Brand (Philosophy), Jeanette Dickerson-Putnam\* (Anthropology), Catherine Dobris (Communication Studies), Karen Johnson (English), Nancy Newton (Spanish), Ursula Niklas\* (Philosophy), Susan Shepherd (English)

### Graduate Advisor

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### Women's Studies Program

Women's studies brings together faculty, women, and some men interested in women's issues in teachings, research, and service. Interdisciplinary in nature, WOST explores a wide range of issues as seen through the perspective of gender. Women's studies can help shape a vision of women's position in society that will enable students to make a more meaningful contribution wherever their career paths and future engagements may

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lead. A degree in women's studies should enhance a student's effectiveness in virtually any career.

For careers in law or social service, WOST gives insight into social practices that oppress women, such as rape, abuse, and job discrimination. For careers in biology, medicine, nursing, or other allied health professions, WOST offers an understanding of women's health needs. For business careers, WOST teaches students to understand the barriers and the opportunities for women seeking careers in the corporate world.

### Requirements for the Graduate Minor

A total of 12 credit hours.

## Courses

### Basic Courses

Students must choose one of the following:

**W601 Survey of Contemporary Research in Women's Studies: The Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 cr.)** An exploration of feminist perspectives in the social sciences. Theoretical frameworks and research styles are examined, as are feminist critiques of traditional social scientific frameworks and research methods.

**W602 Contemporary Research in Women's Studies: The Humanities (3 cr.)** Review of literature on sex roles, psychology of women, socialization, and politicization of women. Training in methodology of research on women; critique of prevailing and feminist theoretical frameworks for studying women.

### Collateral Study

Students must choose one of the following:

**W500 Feminist Theory (3 cr.)** An examination of contemporary feminist analyses of gender relations, how they are constituted and experienced, and how social structures maintaining sexist hierarchies intersect with hierarchies of race, class, and ethnicity.

**W601 Survey of Contemporary Research in Women's Studies: The Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 cr.)** An exploration of feminist perspectives in the social sciences. Theoretical frameworks and research styles are examined, as are feminist critiques of traditional social scientific frameworks and research methods.

**W602 Contemporary Research in Women's Studies: The Humanities (3 cr.)** Review of literature on sex roles, psychology of women, socialization and politicization of women. Training in methodology of research on women; critique of prevailing and feminist theoretical frameworks for studying women.

**W695 Graduate Readings and Research in Women's Studies (3-6 cr.)** An opportunity for graduate students in various programs at IUPUI to explore specific issues within the field of women's studies, guided by faculty with particular expertise in these areas.

**W701 Graduate Topics in Women's Studies (3-4 cr.)** Advanced investigation of selected research topics in women's studies. Topics to be announced.

#### **Electives**

6 additional credits are to be earned by taking any combination of courses chosen from the above course offerings and/or the list of courses that have been approved and are cross-listed under the Women's Studies Graduate Minor Program.