What is Women's Studies?
Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary field that focuses on women, gender, and issues of diversity and (in)equality both locally and globally.

The Radford University Women's Studies Program hosts, sponsors, and co-sponsors a variety of intriguing events throughout the year, including faculty lectures, visiting scholars, exhibits, performances, and the annual Gender Studies Conference.

Students pursuing the minor are strongly encouraged to fulfill an internship in an agency, department or program that advocates the betterment of women's lives. The Women's Studies Director will approve the internship and the intern will meet regularly with a faculty advisor to process the internship experience and relate it to the scholarship in Women's Studies.

The Minor in Women's Studies offers students a range of courses with an emphasis on women, the contributions they have made to society, and the effects of gender inequality.

REQUIRED:
WMST 101. Women in the World provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Women's Studies through global and multicultural perspectives as it attends to differences of gender, race, class, and sexuality and establishes a foundation for further coursework in the Women's Studies minor. 3 cr hrs.

WMST 400. Senior Portfolio: Each student will work with a faculty mentor to produce a portfolio demonstrating his/her mastery of learning outcomes for the Minor. 1 cr hr.

ELECTIVES:
12 credit hours, selected from the following (must be chosen from two disciplines):
COMS 457. Diversity in Communication.
CRJU 365. Diversity Issues in the Criminal Justice System.
ENGL 453. The Female Literary Tradition.
HIST 306. History of Women. (May be taken twice when topics differ)
HLTH 325. Diversity of Health in U. S.
HLTH 453. Human Sexuality.
HUMD 201. Marriage and Alternative Lifestyles.
HUMD 300. Human Growth and Development: Birth through Adolescence.
HUMD 301. Human Sexual Development.
HUMD 401. The Family.
PSYC 230. Lifespan Developmental Psychology.
PSYC 250. Psychology of Diversity.
PSYC 343. Social Psychology.
PSYC 391. Psychology of Women.
PSYC 393. Psychology of Human Sexuality.
RELN 305. Religion and Women.
SOCY 250. Social Inequality.
SOCY 326. Men and Women in Society.
SOCY 331. Race and Ethnic Relations.
SOCY 333. Social and Cultural Diversity.
SOCY 389. Sociology of the Family.
SOCY 390. Sociology of Sport.
SOCY 441. Global Inequalities.
WMST 290. Topics in Women's Studies.
WMST 490. Seminar in Women's Studies.
WMST 499. Internship in Women's Studies.
ARTH 414, ARTH 431, ENGL 314, ENGL 470, HLTH 450, MGNT 471, MKTG 471, MUSC 491, NURS 450, SOCY 495 and SOWK 480, may, at times, focus on the study of women or gender. When this is the case, they will be eligible for inclusion in the minor. Special topics 490 courses and independent studies 498 courses focusing on women can, with approval, be used to fulfill electives; no more than 6 elective hours may be 490, 499 and/or 498 courses. In addition, any course with a significant focus on women and gender may be approved by the Director for a student's program of study in the Minor.
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What can I do with a minor in Women's Studies?
While Women's Studies does not have a particular career attached to it as do programs in Law, Education, or Journalism, a minor in Women's Studies can be a valuable asset in a variety of fields. Many of our graduates have either gone on to graduate programs or have found work in fields related to Women's Studies, such as education, social services, healthcare, and counseling. Women's Studies graduates worldwide have also found meaningful work in politics, human resources, media, criminal justice, and business.

Women's Studies offers you a set of skills that more and more employers are listing as desirable: effective written and oral communication, critical thinking abilities, a broader perspective on both local and global cultures, and a respect for diversity that fosters the ability to work well with others.

Transferable skills are increasingly important in a competitive and global economy and Women's Studies Minors are being prepared for such competition in a variety of ways. But, getting a job is not necessarily the first or only reason for students to choose a minor in Women's Studies. Most students select Women's Studies because they are truly interested and invested in the materials and issues that Women's Studies courses ask them to examine. Perhaps Nikki Anyanna Stewart said it best in a 2007 issue of Ms. Magazine when she was asked, “What Can You Do With a Degree in Women’s Studies?” Her response: “transform the world.”

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