

## Gender Studies

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The Gender Studies minor complements McKendree's more traditional liberal arts majors as well as its professional courses of study. This minor benefits students in professional programs seeking knowledge to enhance a selected career path just as much as students in traditional liberal arts contemplating graduate study in their fields. Students from all majors would thrive with a Gender Studies minor. Individuals who complete this program will gain comparative insight into how scholars from different disciplines – including history, sociology, literature, writing, communication, and psychology – pose and answer questions about gender.

Students who minor in Gender Studies will enroll in a variety of courses designed to help them understand the multiple experiences and viewpoints of women and men in contemporary society and in history, the gendered constructions of power in America and in the world, the representations of gender in literature, and the psychology and sociology of gender. As a result of this focused study, students should be able to (a) describe the varied and complex relations among social ideology, social structures/hierarchies, gender roles, and sexuality in various cultures; (b) identify the presence and effects of gender discrimination in the United States and other societies; (c) analyze cultural artifacts and texts using the interdisciplinary methods of gender criticism; (d) summarize the basic elements of a feminist critique of Western society, including its political implications; (e) evaluate various theories about the inherent similarities and differences among and between women and men; (f) recover the long-neglected history and viewpoints of women in various cultures around the world; and (g) relate more effectively to individuals of the other gender in their social and professional lives.

*To minor in Gender Studies:*

1. Students must take six courses for a total of eighteen credit hours. Students must also earn a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or better in courses applied to the minor.
2. No more than six (6) hours can be taken from any one discipline.
3. Six hours must be at the upper division level.
4. Relevant internship hours may be substituted for three hours of the minor requirements.

### GENDER STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

**18 crs.**

HIS 271

or

HIS 371 U.S. WOMEN'S HISTORY (3)

### Additional 15 hours from the following

SOC 260 SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILIES (3)

SOC 350 SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3)

ENG 235 GENDER IN LITERATURE (3)

PSI 315 GENDER AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3)

PSY 265 PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER (3)

PSY 370 PSYCHOLOGY OF HUMAN SEXUALITY (3)

REL 235 RELIGION AND GENDER (3)

SPC 375 GENDER AND COMMUNICATION (3)

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