

Gender Studies

Division of Social Sciences

- **Minor: 18 credit hours**
- **Minor GPA required for graduation: 2.25**

Description of Minor: 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 the world, the representations of gender in literature, and the psychology and sociology of gender. 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.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Describe the varied and complex relations among social ideology, social structures/hierarchies, gender roles, and sexuality in various cultures.
- Identify the presence and effects of gender discrimination in the United States and other societies.
- Analyze cultural artifacts and texts using the interdisciplinary methods of gender criticism.
- Summarize the basic elements of a feminist critique of Western society, including its political implications.
- Evaluate various theories about the inherent similarities and differences among and between women and men.
- Recover the long-neglected history and viewpoints of women in various cultures around the world.
- Relate more effectively to individuals of the other gender in their social and professional lives.

Preparation: 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.

GENDER STUDIES MINOR REQUIREMENTS 18 crs.

HIS 271		
<i>or</i>		
HIS 371	UNITED STATES WOMEN'S HISTORY	3

FIVE COURSES FROM THE FOLLOWING

SOC 320	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
COM 375	GENDER AND COMMUNICATION	3