Women’s and Gender Studies offers students an interdisciplinary examination of women’s roles, contributions, history, and experiences as well as a critical study of gender structures in societies and cultures in the U.S. and the world. It utilizes gender along with race and class as a category of analysis, helping students investigate the role that gender plays in our history, literature, art, politics, education, sports, health, and family. The interdisciplinary B.A. degree program is comprised of courses from a broad array of disciplines in all four colleges, and provides a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences.

Career Opportunities
Women’s and Gender Studies courses provide graduates with opportunities for employment with various types of organizations – public, private, government and non-profit. Women’s and Gender Studies graduates can enter such fields as law, politics, the arts, education, communications, health care, counseling, business and sports.

Students may also choose a double major in order to enhance their career opportunities or to contribute to their preparation for graduate school or law school.

Curriculum
The 45-52 credit B.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies is structured so that students will have a solid core of courses in feminist scholarship and gender studies, with flexibility to pursue their specific interests and career goals through a sufficient number of electives and the completion of a minor or certificate.

Students will complete an introductory women’s studies course, one foundation course in theory or statistics, and two core courses: Feminist Theory and the Women’s and Gender Studies Senior Capstone Seminar. Students also need four credits of internship or a research project in addition to 23-25 elective credits from the Women’s and Gender Studies Course Distribution list.

Additional program offerings include a 22-credit Women’s Studies minor and a 23-28 credit Gender Studies Certificate.

Women’s Studies offers over thirty-five courses, most of which are cross-listed with other departments. The following are a sample of the courses we regularly teach:
• Intro to Women’s Studies
• Feminist Theory
• Biology of Women
• Psychology of Women
• Sociology of the Family
• Sex and Gender
• Contemporary Indigenous Women
• The Black Women’s Struggle
• Women, Literature and Social Change
• Anthropology of Gender
• Gender and Communication
• Sex, Sexuality and Communication
• Women in American History
• Women in the American West
• GLBT Studies
• Women and Philosophy
• Gender and Sexual Assault
• Family Violence
• Women’s Spirituality
• Economics of Poverty and Discrimination
• Human Rights and Women’s Rights
• Women in Prison
• The Older Woman
• Women’s Health Issues
• Gender and Total War
• Queer Theory
• Women and Islam
Special Features
The Women’s and Gender Studies program offers students an innovative and versatile interdisciplinary major as well as a minor and a gender studies certificate. The Women’s and Gender Studies major also has a unique feature, a prior learning option that enables adult learners who have acquired specialized professional or paraprofessional experience to have their experiential learning evaluated for a block of elective credits.

There are more than 25 joint, affiliated and participating faculty members from various disciplines who are engaged in scholarly research and share the pedagogical techniques of women’s and gender studies. Women’s and Gender Studies faculty are effective, dedicated teachers who are committed to active student learning. Classes tend to be relatively small and always student-centered.

The Women’s Studies Center
The Women’s Studies Center is located in 207 Monroe Hall and offers students various resources. There are noon presentations free and open to the public that are of interest to students, faculty, staff and the surrounding communities. Programs cover a variety of themes and issues relevant to gender, women, diversity and children.

Students are welcome to use the lounge for meetings or studying. There is a library of books related to women’s and gender issues that is available for students to use. Scholarships pertaining to women are announced in our newsletters.

The Women’s Studies Center also houses the student organization H.O.M.E. (Helping Ourselves Means Education), which is a support service for student parents and provides them with resources.

For Further Information
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Cheney, WA 99004-2428
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Women’s Studies Center Programs and Events
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Internet Access
The program website provides more information. Please go to: http://www.ewu.edu/CSBSSW/Programs/Womens-Studies

The University
Eastern Washington University is a student-centered, regionally based, comprehensive university. Its campus is located in Cheney within the Spokane metropolitan area, with additional learning centers in the region and elsewhere in Washington State. With more than 100 fields of study, nine master’s degrees, four graduate certificates, 76 graduate programs and a physical therapy doctoral program, its mission is to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and highly productive citizens to attain meaningful careers, to enjoy enriched lives, and to make contributions to a culturally diverse society.

Our mission to be a student-centered, regionally engaged university will be fulfilled best through a distinguished EWU academic experience that is integrated and interdependent. This vision informs and inspires our future.

Note:
Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Women’s and Gender Studies please check the catalog online at: http://www.ewu.edu/Academics/catalog.xml