

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (MA/MSW SOCIAL WORK)

The joint MSW/MA in Women's and Gender Studies offers a unique and cutting edge graduate program with a focus on gender, community, and social justice. Both programs share a synchronicity of mission and focus on social justice efforts at the community level and together they would provide an excellent foundation for developing a women's and gender studies-based social work career trajectory.

The joint program is designed to give students the opportunity and flexibility to draw from the strengths of both programs as they build a foundation for their chosen work. The program offers both a broad understanding of social work, with a particular focus on community, and a substantive foundation in the theories and scholarship within women's and gender studies, with a particular focus on social justice. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the field of women's and gender studies directly applicable to their interests in social work and build their knowledge-based skills in social work while obtaining the necessary credential for not only securing employment, but the ability to advance their leadership in the profession.

Program requirements differ based on the type of final project.

For the Thesis, Practical Project, and Creative Project options:

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Core Requirements	20
Capstone Requirements	12
Elective Requirements	16
Total hours required	48

For the Portfolio Option:

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Core Requirements	20
Capstone Requirements	8
Elective Requirements	20
Total hours required	48

MA Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

All candidates for the MSW/MA Women's and Gender Studies degree enrolled in the three-year program must complete 32 credit hours of course work within the MA in Women's and Gender Studies program, detailed below:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
WGS 415	FEMINIST GENEALOGIES IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (Offered Autumn quarter, Take year one)	4
WGS 465	GLOBALIZATION, TRANSNATIONALISM, AND GENDER (Offered Winter quarter, Take year one)	4

WGS 485	WOMEN, GENDER, AGENCY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE (Offered Spring quarter, Take year one)	4
WGS 491	INTERDISCIPLINARY METHODS AND FEMINIST INQUIRY (Offered Autumn quarter, Take year two)	4
WGS 493	FINAL PROJECT INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (Offered Spring quarter, Take year two)	4
Select ONE of the following Theories courses from this list: WGS 400, WGS 414, WGS 472, WGS 475, WGS 488, WGS 490.		4
Select TWO additional WGS electives or a course offered by another department that has been approved for credit toward the MA in Women's and Gender Studies for a total of 8 credit hours.		8

MSW Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

All candidates for the MSW/MA Women's and Gender Studies degree enrolled in the 3 year program must complete 76 credit hours of course work within the MSW program.

This includes 44 credit hours detailed below:

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
MSW 401	PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND DEVELOPMENT	4
MSW 411	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I	4
MSW 412	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II	4
MSW 421	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH	4
MSW 431	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY I	4
MSW 481	FOUNDATION PRACTICE I	4
MSW 491	FOUNDATION FIELD EDUCATION I	4
MSW 482	FOUNDATION PRACTICE II	4
MSW 492	FOUNDATION FIELD EDUCATION II	4
MSW 483	FOUNDATION PRACTICE III	4
MSW 493	FOUNDATION FIELD EDUCATION III	4

Candidates for the MSW/MA Women's and Gender Studies degree must also complete 32 credit hours of MSW concentration courses, listed here (<https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/social-work-msw/#concentrationrequirements>).