Women’s and Gender Studies  
Graduate Concentration

This inter- and multi-disciplinary concentration aims to introduce graduate students to and help them develop expertise in the rapidly expanding areas of scholarship focused upon women and gender that have developed within the academy during the past thirty years and that are transforming scholarship in virtually every academic discipline today. Serious scholars today cannot ignore the vast body of firmly established scholarship in the areas of women’s and gender studies and its general impact on scholarship and the disciplines. Courses will draw upon past and current research in women’s studies, feminist theory, and gender studies; upon the Duquesne faculty whose research and teaching have been focused in these areas; and upon many already established and new graduate courses with a focus on women’s and gender issues. The concentration will offer students the opportunity to focus and receive official recognition for their work in the area of women’s and gender studies.

REQUIREMENTS:

A total of 12 graduate credit hours (4 courses)

- Courses that will count toward the Concentration will consist of WSGS courses officially cross-listed with courses offered by the various graduate programs.

- Students will take at least one WSGS course in their own discipline.

- Students will take at least one WSGS course in a discipline other than their own.

- Students may petition to have one course not listed as WSGS accepted if it will have a substantial women’s and gender studies component and if the student engages in a major project/paper in the field of women’s and gender studies.

- No more than one course may be a directed study.

- All courses must be passed with at least a “B” grade.

- Students will register for the Concentration with the Director of Women’s and Gender Studies assigned to the Graduate Concentration Program (at the present time, Dr. Elaine Parsons) and discuss their program of study with the Director as soon as possible when they begin graduate course work.

- Students will meet with the Director before they sign up for courses each term and make sure the Director approves all courses they take for the Concentration Program.

If you are interested in the program, please contact the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies: 550A College Hall / 412.396.1527 / wsgs@duq.edu.