



Application for Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies

Please complete this form. When you meet with your faculty advisor to plan your certificate program, take the printed form with you. You and your faculty advisor will both sign the form. Return the completed form to the GWSS Program Coordinator, in the GWSS main office PDL B110.

Student Name:

Student Number:

Home Department:

Student Email:

Name of Faculty Advisor:

Faculty Advisor Email:

Anticipated certificate completion quarter and year:

Please remember to earn a certificate you must:

- have a faculty advisor
- meet with your faculty advisor to discuss your certificate program
- have your application document with your and your advisor's signature on file with the GWSS Program Coordinator in B110 before you begin your program
- read and understand the certificate requirements on the back of this form

Student Signature:

Date:

Faculty Advisor Signature:

Date:

Direct any questions or concerns to the GWSS Program Coordinator at gwss@uw.edu or in the GWSS main office PDL B110.

Admission Process and Standards

Any matriculating student in a graduate or professional program of the University of Washington is eligible to work toward the certificate. Students need to declare their intent to work toward the certificate by completing an application and turning it into Catherine Richardson, Program Coordinator in PDL B110. The Program Coordinator will then forward the application to Graduate Program Director, Professor Shirley J. Yee for final approval.

Admission requirements are as follows:

- A completed Application Form Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies form that includes demographic data, education history and current status as a UW graduate student.
- A typed 1-page statement of purpose, which includes reasons for pursuing a certificate and how the Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies will contribute to the student's career goals.
- Identification of a certificate advisor chosen from among the affiliate faculty, with a written commitment from the advisor (signature on application form).
- Submission of your curriculum vita (C.V.)
- Minimum Standards for Successful Completion of the Certificate Program: A minimum grade of 3.0 is required in each course taken toward the certificate.

Certificate Requirements

Selection of a certificate advisor, preferably a Feminist Studies core faculty member, although an adjunct faculty member can be selected in some cases. The advisor works with the student to select appropriate coursework. The faculty advisor and the department chair give final approval of the certificate once the student completes the coursework.

- Completion of the three quarter sequence of core graduate courses in Feminist Studies (GWSS 501, 502 and 503). (5 credits each for 15 credits total)
- Completion of at least two other 400 or 500 level courses related to Feminist Studies (total: 10 credits minimum). Courses at the 400 or 500 level from within the student's home department with heavy emphasis on feminist analysis are eligible. Feminist Studies graduate students are not eligible for the certificate and there is a maximum overlap of 6 credits between a student's degree program and the certificate program. According to graduate certificate guidelines these 6 credits must be electives in each program. Independent study course work will not satisfy this requirement, and courses must be taken for a grade or C/NC, not S/NS.
- Courses must be approved by the student's certificate advisor.
- Completion of a 1-credit capstone course. Students will write a 5000-word essay in which they develop a framework that ties together two papers they wrote for any two of their required courses, re-write or re-submit two essays from those courses, and reflect on what they have learned from the Grad Certificate and how it has changed/impacted their thinking/career.
- Submission of the completed and signed Completion of Requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies form. After students' Completion of Requirements form received by Program Coordinator, Catherine Richardson, she will check your transcripts and submit a "certificate be granted" request to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will then inform Graduation and Academic Records.

I have read and understand the requirements and process required to earn a Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies:

Student Signature:

Date: