



## Application for the Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name, MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address : \_\_\_\_\_  
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Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Dept. in which you are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate year and term of enrollment in the certificate program: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date for completing primary degree program: \_\_\_\_\_

List below courses that you have taken or are in progress that will satisfy the requirements for the certificate program (see the requirements before completing.)

Course	Title	Instructor	Semester	Grade

Students admitted to the Graduate Certificate Program are subject to the rules and regulations of the Graduate School. Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of these requirements for participation in this program as well as the Women & Gender Studies Graduate Certificate Program.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WGST Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application along with a personal statement indicating interests, plans and objectives within the field of women or gender studies, and a copy of current transcript to the graduate director, WGST, 246 UCB, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

# Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies (WGST) is designed to complement a CU graduate disciplinary degree program—providing graduate students the opportunity to engage a variety of scholarly and methodological approaches to the study of gender and sexuality. Students are encouraged to apply for the WGST Graduate Certificate early in their course of graduate studies; students enrolled in the program will get priority if placed on a waitlist for a graduate-level WMST course.

## **Requirements: Twelve (12) total credit hours, to include:**

- *Nine semester hours of required course work in Women and Gender Studies.*

At least three of the following four courses:

*WMST 6090: Feminist Theories*

*WMST 6190: Feminist Methodologies*

*WMST 6796: Queer Theories*

*WMST 6290: Topics in Women and Gender Studies*

(Topic varies by semester, only 3 credit hours will count towards the certificate requirements.)

Note: None of the three required WMST courses may be taken as independent study.

- *One additional course approved by the WGST graduate advisor (of at least three credit hours).*

This course should focus on issues related to women, gender, and/or sexuality, and it should take an interdisciplinary approach. It is advisable that the course be taken either outside the student's home department or as an additional course in WGST. However, students may—with approval of the WGST graduate advisor—take it within their home departments. Independent study courses taken with faculty not affiliated with WGST will not count for the Graduate Certificate. Independent study courses taken with WGST faculty members may count only in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Graduate Committee.

Note: The minimum acceptable grade for courses submitted for the WGST Graduate Certificate is a B. Minimum GPA for all courses submitted for the WGST Graduate Certificate is a cumulative 3.5.

## **Procedures:**

To be accepted into the Certificate program a student must:

1. Complete the Graduate Certificate Application.
2. Write a statement of approximately 250 words indicating interests, plans, and objectives within the field of women, gender, and sexuality studies; graduate work the student has already done in the field; and if applicable, any undergraduate work in this area.
3. Submit the application, personal statement, and copy of a current transcript to the Graduate Committee at the Women and Gender Studies office for approval.
4. Once approved, the student should meet with the WGST graduate advisor who will be responsible for approving courses and ensuring that the student completes her or his course work and submits an updated transcript. The student should meet with the WGST faculty advisor at least once during each academic year that they are actively working on the Graduate Certificate. The student will receive the Graduate Certificate when the graduate advisor has signed the final approval form, confirming that all requirements have been met. Graduate Certificates are typically awarded during the spring graduation ceremony.

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies please call 303-492-8923 or visit the WGST office at the Hazel Gates Woodruff Cottage.

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