**GENDER & WOMEN’S STUDIES, BALAS**

_for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Gender and Women’s Studies_

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department website: [https://www.gws.illinois.edu/](https://www.gws.illinois.edu/)
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**General education:** Students must complete the Campus General Education ([https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT](https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT)) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

**Minimum required major and supporting course work:** Normally equates to 33 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.

**Minimum hours required for graduation:** 120 hours.

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**Additional Coursework**

At least 15 additional hours of coursework offered by the Gender & Women's Studies Department, with no more than 3 hours at the 100 or 200 level. Required courses are offered by the Department of Gender & Women's Studies and are on an approved list maintained in the department office and with the GWS advisor.

**Area Electives**

Two courses in Gender and Women's Studies. No more than one may be counted from the 100 or 200 level. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department or the GWS advisor.

Of the 33 hours in the major, students must take at least one course focused on transnational or non-U.S. issues. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department or the GWS advisor.

**Total Hours**

33

1 Topics courses (GWS 199, GWS 295, GWS 395, GWS 495) may count up to 3 hours toward the additional coursework with consent of the GWS advisor. GWS 390 or GWS 490 may count up to 3 hours toward additional coursework with consent of the GWS advisor.

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