Organizations

ShoutOut! JMU (weblog)
The mission of ShoutOut! JMU is to provide the JMU community with accurate and constructive information concerning events, legislation, cultural criticism, and resources for women’s rights and personal health on and off campus; to foster a safe space for members of JMU’s community for interactive, informed and constructive dialogue; as a collective, to advance the cause of women and other marginalized groups by means of these conversations; the goal of this blog is not to convert readers to feminism, but instead to raise consciousness of the diversity of perspectives toward understanding everyday inequities. For more information, contact Dr. Alison Bodkin at bodkinas@jmu.edu or visit the blog at http://shoutoutjmu.com.

JMU Feminist Collective
The JMU Feminist Collective aims to open dialogue regarding the promotion of feminist issues within the Harrisonburg and JMU communities. We serve as the hub for feminist-related activism. We are multi-issue, multi-faceted and intersectional. Please contact Dr. Kristin Wylie, faculty advisor, at wyliekn@jmu.edu for more information.

Sister Speak (zine)
An undergraduate student organization and feminist consciousness raising group, Sister Speak provides a forum for addressing gender and social justice issues and publishes a zine each semester. For more information, contact Dr. Mary Thompson at thompsmx@jmu.edu.

Events and Speakers
Each semester Women’s and Gender Studies supports programming that raises awareness of gender, sexuality, and women’s issues. Past events have included the Women’s History Month (March) keynote, the Dominion Lecture, faculty and student presentations, teach-ins, films, and guest lectures by current feminist thinkers including Zerlina Maxwell, Loretta Ross, Michael Kimmel, Joan Williams, Shelby Knox, and Jessica Valenti. Visit our website for upcoming events.

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M. Louise Whitman Scholarship
Rising Junior and Senior WGS minors are eligible to apply for this monetary award. This scholarship was established in memory of M. Louise Whitman by the Virginia Business and Professional Women's Foundation. The award recognizes students who intend to carry their study of gender equity into the professional fields. The 2015 award amount was for $6,900. Visit our website for more information.
The Women’s and Gender Studies minor is an 18 credit hour interdisciplinary program that examines the research on gender, women, and sexuality in society, culture, and history. This minor includes one required course, WGS 200.

Core courses in the minor reflect the interdisciplinary knowledge and methodologies of Women’s and Gender Studies. Each semester additional special topics courses are approved for credit. For a complete listing of the upcoming semester’s offerings, visit the program website or check with the coordinator.

WGS 200 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
An interdisciplinary introduction to theories and scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies, WGS 200 examines the scholarship on gender, women, and sexuality with emphasis on intersections with other vital categories of human identity and experience, including race, ethnicity, (dis)ability and class. The course considers the experiences and contributions of women throughout history, the social construction of gender, feminist theories of equity, and activism. It provides a foundation for subsequent work in the Women’s and Gender Studies minor.

WGS 490 Independent Study in Women’s and Gender Studies
Students who are ready for advance study and who have identified a subject and faculty advisor may pursue an independent study for WGS credit. For more information on independent studies, contact the program coordinator.

WGS 492 Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies
Many students have found personal and professional benefit in completing an internship as part of the minor. Past internships have included working with on and off-campus organizations and events such as ShoutOut! JMU (weblog), Take Back the Night, National Abortion Rights Action League, Blue Ridge Legal Services, and women’s shelters. For more information on internships, contact the program coordinator.

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The Minor

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Choose five of the following core courses: 18

- ANTH 370. Topics in the Anthropology of Gender
- ENG 327. The Gothic
- ENG/WGS 368. Women’s Literature
- ENG/WGS 369. Feminist Literary Theory
- ENG/WGS 370. Queer Literature
- ENG/WGS 423. Advanced Studies in Gender and Sexuality in Literature
- ENG/WGS 466. Studies in Women’s Literature
- HIST 320. Women in United States History
- HIST 321. European Women’s History
- HIST 327. Technology in America ¹
- HIST 448. Gender in Colonial Latin America
- HIST 466. The Family, 1400-1800
- ISAT/WGS 485. Gender Issues in Science
- JUST/WGS 341. Gender and Justice
- MSCI/WGS 555. American Women at War
- PHIL/WGS 350. The Philosophy of Feminism
- POSC/WGS 438. Women and Politics in Comparative Perspective
- PSYC 310. The Psychology of Women and Gender
- REL 306. Women and Gender in Islam
- REL 315. Women and Religion
- SCOM/WGS 302. Ecofeminism
- SCOM/WGS 348. Communication and Gender
- SOCI 336. Race and Ethnicity ¹
- SOCI 337. Sociology of Gender
- SCOM/WRTC/WGS 420. Feminist Rhetorics
- SPAN 455. Women in Hispanic Literatures
- WGS 300. Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies
- WGS 325. Gender and Violence
- WGS 400. Issues and Research in Women’s and Gender Studies
- WGS 490. Independent Studies in Women’s and Gender Studies
- WGS 492. Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies
- WGS 495. Special Topics in Women’s and Gender Studies

Total 18

¹ If research project addresses issue of gender.