

Bachelor of Arts

Interdisciplinary Studies

with a major in Women's and Gender Studies (BA)

This major will begin effective with the Spring 2026 term.

Requirements

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6
Information Literacy and Research (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (https://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

Written Communication: Grade of C or better required in both ENGL 110C and the second written communication course before declaring a major.

Language and Culture: Proficiency through 102 level-BS only; Proficiency through 202 level-BA only and not met by associate degree.

Impact of Technology requirement may be met in the major by WGS 390T.

WGS 201S cannot be used to satisfy the Human Behavior requirement.

Upper Division General Education

Met in the major.

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.

- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts *	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research **	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* Grade of C or better required.

** Grade of C- or better required.

Women's and Gender Studies Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	41-47
Complete upper-division requirements (met in the major)	0

Interdisciplinary Studies Core

IDS 300W	Interdisciplinary Theory and Concepts *	3
IDS 301	Data and Humanities Research **	3
IDS 493	IDS Electronic Portfolio Project **	3

Women's and Gender Studies Core

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WGS 201S	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WGS/QUST 302W	Dimensions of Diversity: Intersectionality Among Women	
or WGS 301	Feminist Foundations	
WGS/QUST 305	Queer Literature	
or WGS 405	Gender and Media	
WGS 400	History of U.S. Women's Activism	
WGS/QUST 460W	Feminist and Queer Theory	

Women's and Gender Studies Electives ***

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<i>English</i>		
ENGL 463W	Women Writers	
ENGL 477	Language, Gender and Power	
<i>History</i>		
HIST 363	Women in U.S. History	
<i>Women's and Gender Studies</i>		
WGS 301	Feminist Foundations	
WGS/QUST 302W	Dimensions of Diversity: Intersectionality Among Women	
WGS/QUST 303	Queer Studies	
WGS 304	Gender and Sexuality in Film	
WGS/QUST 305	Queer Literature	
WGS 306	Women, the Environment, and Climate Change	
WGS 368	Internship	
WGS 390T	Women, Gender, and Technology Worldwide	
WGS 395	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WGS 396	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WGS 401W	Women: A Global Perspective	
WGS/QUST 402	Feminisms and Sexualities	
WGS 405	Gender and Media	
WGS 406	Gender, Fashion & the Body	
WGS 410	Sexing the Body	

WGS 470	Feminist Research Methods	
WGS 495	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WGS 496	Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WGS 497	Independent Study	
WGS 498	Independent Study	
Total Credit Hours		77-83

- * Grade of C or better required.
- ** Grade of C- or better required.
- *** Some courses may have prerequisites.

Electives

Elective courses may be taken for the remainder of the minimum 120 credits required for the degree.

BA or BS to MBA (Master of Business Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MBA or BS/MBA program is an early entry to the MBA program of study. The early-entry program is designed for well qualified non-business undergraduate ODU students to start their MBA program prior to completing their undergraduate degree. Well qualified non-business undergraduate students may take MBA-level courses as early as three semesters prior to graduation and count up to 12 graduate credits toward their undergraduate degree. Students participating in the early-entry program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree). Early-entry program students should carefully consider their undergraduate degree program requirements when planning their course of study. Students in the early-entry program work in close consultation with the MBA Program Office and should refer to information in the Strome College of Business section in the graduate catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/stromecollegeofbusiness/>) to develop an individualized plan of study based on the required coursework.

BA or BS to MPA (Master of Public Administration) Linked Program

The linked BA/MPA or BS/MPA program provides qualified Old Dominion University undergraduate students with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in public administration while taking credits in the MPA program as an undergraduate student. The program is designed for highly motivated students with the desire to immediately continue their education after the bachelor's degree. The program is especially relevant to individuals seeking to work (or currently working) in the public or non-profit sectors, but is suitable for students from any undergraduate major. Graduate courses may be taken during the fall and spring semester of the student's senior undergraduate year. Up to 12 graduate credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree and can meet upper-level General Education requirements. After receiving the undergraduate degree, a student will continue with the MPA program, taking MPA courses until completing the required 39 credit hours. Students in the linked program must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 discrete credit hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 discrete credit hours for the graduate degree).

Requirements for admission to the graduate program can be found in the School of Public Service section of the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.odu.edu/graduate/business/public-service/>). For additional information, please contact the School of Public Service in the Strome College of Business.