WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

Description

The women's and gender studies (WGS) major is a multidisciplinary academic program with courses that focus on knowledge relating to women, gender, and sexuality.

The program is designed to help students to learn about the historical and contemporary contributions of women and to analyze the construction and representation of gender in the arts, literature, history, psychology, education, contemporary culture, politics, and society. Students are challenged to examine critically assumptions about women and gender held by academic disciplines and to evaluate them based on current research and individual experience. Students also explore sex roles, gender systems, and sexuality in various cultures as they change over time.

Program Assessment. In order to assist the department in evaluating the effectiveness of its programs, majors will be required:

- 1. To submit for assessment during WMNS 489 Senior Seminar an electronic portfolio of student work including:
 - a. A critical synthetic overview of the items in the portfolio.
 - b. An assignment from a WGS history class + critical reflection.
 - c. An assignment from a WGS social sciences class + critical reflection.
 - d. An assignment from a WGS literature/film class + critical reflection.
 - e. An assignment from WMNS 485 + critical reflection.
 - f. The final paper/project from WMNS 489.
 NOTE: If a student has written an undergraduate thesis (through WGS or the honors program) on women, gender, and/or sexuality, this should be included as well.
- In their last semester, to return an anonymous survey regarding the WGS program and, if the student wishes, to participate in an exit interview with the director or associate director.

The results of participation in this assessment activity will in no way affect a student's GPA or graduation.

College Admission

The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), including any of the majors or minors offered through the college, are the same as the University of Nebraska—Lincoln General Admission Requirements. In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences' language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

Academic and Career Advising Academic and Career Advising Center

Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessed, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who

are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- · Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- · Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- · Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (inperson or zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (https://its.unl.edu/myunl/) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to quide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, visit https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors (https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors/), or connect with the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, casadvising@unl.edu.

Career Coaching

The College believes that Academics + Experience = Opportunities and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE website (http://ace.unl.edu) for the most current list of certified courses.

ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.

ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.

ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.

ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.

ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

College Degree RequirementsCollege Distribution Requirements – BA and BS

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are common to both the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees and are designed to ensure a range of courses. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Independent study or reading courses and internships cannot be used to satisfy distribution requirements.
- Courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, and physics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology, and physics.

Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above. ¹

CDR: Humanities

CDR: Social Science

Select from classics, English, film studies, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies. ²

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Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, national security studies, political science, psychology, or

sociology. ³
CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities

Select from a set of approved courses as listed in the degree audit.

CDR: Language

Fulfilled by the completion of the 6-credit-hour second-year sequence in a single foreign language in one of the following departments: Classics and religious studies or modern languages and literatures. Instruction is currently available in Arabic, Chinese, Czech, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.

A student who has completed the fourth-year level of one foreign language in high school is exempt from the languages requirement, but encouraged to continue on in their language study.

Credit Hours Subtotal: 13-32

See Degree Audit or a College of Arts and Sciences advisor for approved geography and anthropology courses that apply as natural science.

² Language courses numbered 220 and below do not fulfill the CDR Humanities.

See Degree Audit or College of Arts and Sciences advisor for list of natural/ physical science courses in anthropology, geography, and psychology that do not apply as social science.

Language Requirement

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College's language distribution requirement (CDR: Language) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning.

College Distribution Requirements

Scientific Base - BS Only

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences. Approved courses for scientific-based credit come from the following College of Arts and Sciences disciplines: actuarial science, anthropology (selected courses), astronomy, biochemistry (excluding BIOC 101), biological sciences (excluding BIOS 100 or BIOS 203), chemistry (excluding CHEM 101), geography (selected courses), geology, life sciences, mathematics (excluding courses below MATH 104), meteorology, microbiology (excluding MBIO 101), and physics (excluding PHYS 201.)

See your Degree Audit or your assigned academic advisor for a complete list, including individual classes that fall outside of the disciplines listed above. Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

Grade Rules

Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No University of Nebraska—Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege

The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor.
 Students should refer to the department's or program's section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours
 of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total
 includes all Pass grades earned at the University of Nebraska—
 Lincoln and other U.S. schools. NOTE: This 24-hour limit is more
 restrictive than the University regulation.

Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

- 1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
- 2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
- Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
- 4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Course Level Requirements

Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Residency Requirement

Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework, including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991, the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Transfer Students: Students who have transferred from a community college may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year and within the time frame allowable for that catalog year.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates with a major in women's and gender studies will:

- 1. **Identify** the lives and contributions of women, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized communities to society across historical and social locations.
- Produce intersectional feminist analyses of structures of power and systems of inequity that reverberate across society.
- 3. **Generate** a scholarly, creative, or activist project that requires substantive analysis, synthesis, and meaningful intellectual

engagement with scholars, activists, artists, or other engaged observers on an issue related to women, gender, and/or sexuality.

- Articulate in-depth insight into what you've learned in your WGS major and how it will support your anticipated career goals and/or the many unexpected intellectual encounters you'll meet after graduation.
 - This could include internships, experiential learning, conference planning/participation, extra-curricular activity, student groups, resume, job application, etc.
 - This could include higher order skills, such as writing, communication, and collaboration as well as interdisciplinary and intersectional thinking that are essential in pursuing advanced degrees (such as graduate, medical, and law) and the workplace.
 - This could include the sharing of this knowledge through everyday interactions and engagement with others when discussing and confronting issues we face as a society today.

Major Requirements

Thirty-six (36) hours from required courses and course listings, with at least 12 hours at the 300 level or above.

Core Requirements

Required Courses

WMNS 101	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WMNS 485	Feminist Theories, Feminists' Perspectives (fall semester only)	3
WMNS 489	Senior Seminar (spring semester only)	3
Credit Hours Sub	total:	9
Additional Course	es from Women's and Gender Studies	
Select 6 hours of following list:	WMNS stand alone courses from the	6
WMNS 189H	University Honors Seminar	
WMNS 201	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Sexuality Studies ²	
WMNS 202	Women, Gender, and Health ¹	
WMNS 210	Activism and Feminist Communities	
WMNS 250	Sex and Gender Around the Globe ¹	
WMNS 291	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies	
WMNS 301	Sexuality and Power ²	
WMNS 391	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies	
WMNS 491	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6

Diversity Requirement

Across the major, 12 hours must meet this requirement which promotes our objectives to critically examine cultural assumptions about gender, race/ethnicity, class, sexuality, and other sources of identity. 6 hours must come from the racial/ethnic/global diversity requirement (denoted by footnote 1). The additional 6 hours may come from either the sexual diversity category (denoted by footnote 2) or the racial/ethnic/global diversity category.

Total Credit Hours 15

Specific Major Requirements

Select at least two courses in each of the sub-areas of History, Literature/ Rhetoric and Other Humanities, and Social Science. Within those courses, at least two must meet the diversity requirement as described below.

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the History of Arabic Culture ¹	
Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World	
Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory	
Historical Highlights of French Queerness	
Women of the Great Plains	
Powerful Queens and Warrior Women in the Premodern World	
Women and Gender in U.S. History	
Saints, Witches, and Madwomen	
African-American Women's History ¹	
Native American Women ¹	
Sexuality in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century America ²	
Women and Gender in African Societies ¹	
Gender and Sexuality in Latin America ¹	
c, and Other Humanities	6
the following:	
Women in Quran ¹	
Women in Classical Mythology	
Introduction to Women's Literature	
LGBTQ Literature and Film ²	
	Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory Historical Highlights of French Queerness Women of the Great Plains Powerful Queens and Warrior Women in the Premodern World Women and Gender in U.S. History Saints, Witches, and Madwomen African-American Women's History Native American Women 1 Sexuality in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century America 2 Women and Gender in African Societies 1 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America 1 c, and Other Humanities the following: Women in Classical Mythology Introduction to LGBTQ Literature 2

ENGL 315A / WMNS 315A	Survey of Women's Literature	
ENGL 315B / WMNS 315B	Women in Popular Culture	
ENGL 344B / ETHN 344B / WMNS 344B	Black Women Authors ¹	
ENGL 345N / ETHN 345N / WMNS 345N	Native American Women Writers ¹	
ENGL 401K / WMNS 401K	LGBTQ Drama and Popular Culture ²	
ENGL 414 / WMNS 414	Women's Literature	
ENGL 414B	Modern and Contemporary Women Writers	
ENGL 475A / WMNS 475A	Rhetorical Theory: Rhetoric of Women Writers	
FILM 211 / WMNS 211	Introduction to Gender and Sexuality in Film	
FREN 388 / ENGL 388 / MRST 388 / WMNS 388	Body Language: Love, Politics, and the Self in French Literature	
JUDS 340 / RELG 340 / WMNS 340	Women in the Biblical World	
PHIL 218 / WMNS 218	Philosophy of Feminism	
SPAN 315 / WMNS 315	Gender and Sexuality in Hispanic Culture	
SPAN 454 / WMNS 454	Gender and Sexuality in Spain	
SPAN 470 / WMNS 470	Feminisms in Latin America	
Social Sciences		6
Select 6 hours of	the following:	
ARCH 481 / IDES 481	Women in Design	
COMM 380 / WMNS 380	Gender and Communication	
CRIM 339	Women, Crime and Justice	
CYAF 493	Special Topics in Contemporary Family Issues ¹	
ECON 445 / WMNS 445	Gender Economics and Social Provisioning	
POLS 338 / WMNS 338	Women and Politics	
PSYC 330	Psychology of Diversity ²	
PSYC 421 / WMNS 421	Psychology of Gender ²	
PSYC 471 / CYAF 471 / EDPS 471 / SOCI 471	Human Sexuality and Society ²	
SOCI 200 / WMNS 200	Gender in Contemporary Society	

	SOCI 226 / WMNS 226	Families and Society	
	SOCI 325 / WMNS 325	Contemporary Family Issues	
	SOCI 411	Sociology of Sexualities	
	SOCI 412 / WMNS 412	Religion, Gender, and Sexuality ²	
	SOCI 486 / WMNS 486	Sociology of Gender	
	TMFD 410 / WMNS 410A	Body, Dress and Identity	
	TMFD 477 / WMNS 477	Gender and Material Culture	
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		nal course from any of the above categories, om any of the following:	
	WMNS 395	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	
	WMNS 396	Independent Study	
	WMNS 499	Undergraduate Thesis	
	WMNS 499H	Honors Undergraduate Thesis	

¹ Courses that fulfill racial/ethnic/global diversity requirement.

Additional Major Requirements

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor, excluding up to 6 hours of WMNS 395 in the major.

Course Level Requirement

Students must take 12 hours of courses at the 300 level or above.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours of courses¹ in the women's and gender studies program as follows.

Required Course

•	WMNS 101	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
	Credit Hours Sub	total:	3
	Additional Course	e from Women's and Gender Studies	
	Select one course	e from the list below:	3
	WMNS 189H	University Honors Seminar	
	WMNS 201	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Sexuality Studies ²	
	WMNS 202	Women, Gender, and Health ¹	
	WMNS 210	Activism and Feminist Communities	
	WMNS 250	Sex and Gender Around the Globe ¹	
	WMNS 291	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies	

² Courses that fulfill sexual diversity requirement.

WMNS 301	Sexuality and Power ²	
WMNS 391	Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies	
WMNS 491	Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies	
Credit Hours Sub	ototal:	3
Additional Cours	es	
Select one cours	9	
major.		
History		
Literature/Rhe	toric and Other Humanities	
Social Science	s	
Select one additi studies major.	onal course from the women's and gender	3
Credit Hours Sub	ototal:	12
Diversity Requirement		

Across the minor, 6 hours must meet this requirement which promotes our objectives to critically examine cultural assumptions about gender, race/ethnicity, class, sexuality, and other sources of identity. 3 hours must come from the racial/ethnic/global diversity requirement (denoted by footnote 1). The additional 3 hours may come from either the sexual diversity category (denoted by footnote 2) or the racial/ethnic/global diversity category.

Total Credit Hours

The minor requires at least 6 hours of courses at the 300 level or above, and at least 6 hours of courses fulfilling the diversity requirement as designated with a footnote ¹ or ² in the Major (p. 4) tab.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the major and minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the major or minor, excluding up to 3 hours of WMNS 395 in the minor.

WMNS 101 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Description: Personal, interpersonal and institutional dimensions of women's experiences from a variety of perspectives.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **ACE**: ACE 9 Global/Diversity **Groups**: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 125 Powerful Queens and Warrior Women in the Premodern World

Crosslisted with: HIST 125

Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore status required. Juniors or

seniors may only enroll with permission.

Description: Women who made history by manipulating or discarding the expected social norms of wife and mother in order to exert power and influence over their world. Topics may include: Penelope, Hatshepsut, Cleopatra, Lü Zhi, Irene of Byzantium, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Isabel of Castille, Njinga of Ngola, and Elizabeth I of England.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 189H University Honors Seminar

Prerequisites: Good standing in the University Honors Program or by invitation

Notes: University Honors Seminar 189H is required of all students in the

University Honors Program. **Description:** Topic varies. **Credit Hours:** 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 200 Gender in Contemporary Society

Crosslisted with: SOCI 200

Description: Examination of how gender matters in the social world, with a focus on gender and diversity in the US. Introduction to sociological theories about gender and related research. Considers how lifelong gender socialization, social institutions, norms, laws, and cultural practices create gendered effects for individuals, communities, and groups in every aspect of life.

Credit Hours: 3

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Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 201 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/ Sexuality Studies

Description: Interdisciplinary issues related to sexuality and gender, both

historical and contemporary.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 202 Women, Gender, and Health

Description: Historical experiences of women within health. Societal constructs of gender in the field of health. Feminist critiques of health and gender.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **ACE**: ACE 9 Global/Diversity **Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 204 Women and Gender in U.S. History

Crosslisted with: HIST 204

Description: Survey of women's experiences and gender relations in

American history from 1500 to present.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

WMNS 210 Activism and Feminist Communities

Description: Intersection of service learning and activism with feminist

theories.
Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

WMNS 211 Introduction to Gender and Sexuality in Film

Crosslisted with: FILM 211

Description: Introductory overview of theories of gender and sexuality in

relation to film. **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **ACE**: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 212 Introduction to LGBTQ Literature

Crosslisted with: ENGL 212

Description: Introduction to variety of works by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender writers. Significant literary, cultural, social, and historical

issues and themes. Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 215 Introduction to Women's Literature

Crosslisted with: ENGL 215

Description: Introduction to English literature written by women, studies

in the cultural, social, and/or historical contexts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

WMNS 218 Philosophy of Feminism

Crosslisted with: PHIL 218

Description: Fundamental assumptions and philosophical foundations of varieties of feminist thought. Nature of gender, gender identity, sex differences, and the role of science in defining sex and gender.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 226 Families and Society

Crosslisted with: SOCI 226

Description: Overview of the sociological study of families. Family and marriage patterns over time. Socialization, economic exchange, and social support functions of family roles. The effect of the economy, public policy, and other social institutions on families. Emphasis on gender, sexuality, social class, and racial/ethnic diversity in U.S families.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 6 Social Science

WMNS 250 Sex and Gender Around the Globe

Description: Issues of gender through global lenses. Investigate the roles gender plays in complex issues of migration, war, global economics, education, food, water, transport, family integrity, security, and several other global issues. How femininity, masculinity and sexuality shape these questions as well as how these issues affect local communities.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 288 Exploring Love, Sexuality and Femininity in the History of

Arabic Culture

Crosslisted with: ARAB 288, RELG 288 **Notes:** Taught in English. Letter grade only.

Description: Concepts of love, sexuality and femininity as studied in their

historical, religious and sociological contexts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 291 Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies

Description: Topics vary. **Credit Hours:** 1-6

Min credits per semester. 1 Max credits per semester. 6 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 301 Sexuality and Power

Notes: This course may be repeated once with a different instructor and

focus. Grade Only.

Description: Feminist and queer perspectives on the state's role in producing and regulating sexuality. Focus on sexuality as it intersects with other systems of inequality and difference, including race, class, and gender.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Graded WMNS 306 Women in Quran

Crosslisted with: ARAB 306, MRST 306, RELG 306 **Notes:** Taught in English. Letter grade only.

Description: A diachronic approach to Quran as a literature. Provides an analytic, linguistic as well as the critical study of both the Qur'anic text

and its exegeses.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

WMNS 312 LGBTQ Literature and Film

Crosslisted with: ENGL 312

Description: Analysis of a variety of works by lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender writers and filmmakers. Significant literary, cultural,

social, and historical issues and themes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 315 Gender and Sexuality in Hispanic Culture

Crosslisted with: SPAN 315

Prerequisites: SPAN 305 or SPAN 306

Description: Examination of gender and sexuality in the cultures of Spain and Latin America, focusing on women's studies and feminism,

masculinities, sexualities, and LGBTQ+ issues.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
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Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$10

WMNS 315A Survey of Women's Literature

Crosslisted with: ENGL 315A **Notes:** May not be offered every year.

Description: Historical survey of women's writings in English.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 315B Women in Popular Culture

Crosslisted with: ENGL 315B

Description: Relation between women's roles and popular images in the media, including romances, television shows, science fiction, and

magazines, with attention to their historical development.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 321 Women in Classical Mythology

Crosslisted with: CLAS 321

Description: Introduction to female figures from Classical Mythology with application of feminist theories to interpret the myths. Analysis of the portrayal of goddesses and heroines from Classical mythology in ancient

and modern sources across genres, time periods, and media.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

WMNS 325 Contemporary Family Issues

Crosslisted with: SOCI 325

Prerequisites: 6 hours of SOCI, or Junior standing or Senior standing. **Description:** In-depth examination of select contemporary issues confronting families and family research. Adolescent pregnancy, union formation, parenting, work-family, divorce and family instability, and

family violence. Topics vary by instructor.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option
WMNS 329 Women in European History
Crosslisted with: HIST 329, MRST 329
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

Description: Survey of women in European history from the Middle Ages to the present. Themes include power relations, work, love and sexuality, marriage, legal issues for women, and growth of feminist consciousness.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 336 Saints, Witches, and Madwomen Crosslisted with: HIST 336, MRST 336 Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

Notes: Pre-1800 content.

Description: Image of the madwoman throughout European and American history. Emphasis on how women on the margins have been labelled in different periods as saintly, as witches, or as insane.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 338 Women and Politics Crosslisted with: POLS 338

Description: Survey of women as political actors: participation in political life, barriers to participation, political attitudes, issues of special concern to women, and issues of particular concern to women of color.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Groups**: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 340 Women in the Biblical World Crosslisted with: JUDS 340. RELG 340

Description: Role and status of women as depicted in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the New Testament. The stories and laws concerning

women found in the Bible and from extra-biblical evidence.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 344B Black Women Authors Crosslisted with: ENGL 344B, ETHN 344B

Description: Representative works by Black women, composed in various genres, studied in their social and historical contexts. May not be offered

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 345N Native American Women Writers Crosslisted with: ENGL 345N, ETHN 345N

Description: Representative writings by Native American women in their

social and historical contexts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 356 African-American Women's History

Crosslisted with: ETHN 356, HIST 356 **Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing

Description: Surveys Black and/or African-American women's history from the 15th to the late 20th century. The transatlantic slave trade, "New World" experiences, slavery and resistance, sexuality, cultural persistence and evolution, racial strife, the struggle for civil rights, and

black womanist and feminist theories.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester. 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 358 Native American Women Crosslisted with: ETHN 358, HIST 358

Description: History of the indigenous women of North America. Gender roles and kinship organization, women's work and economic activities, political and diplomatic roles, and everyday lives and relationships. Analysis of change over time and the effects of colonization and dominant society's imposition of patriarchy. Famous indigenous women such as: Pocahontas, Sacagewea, Nancy Ward, and Winona LaDuke. Contemporary issues.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **ACE**: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 377 Women of the Great Plains Crosslisted with: GPSP 377, GEOG 377

Description: The intersection of gender, identity, power, and representation throughout time and space in the Great Plains of the

United States and Canada.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities ACE 9 Global/Diversity

WMNS 380 Gender and Communication

Crosslisted with: COMM 380

Description: Introduction to theory and research in gender and

communication. Emphasis on examining the relationships among gender,

language, social reality, and cultural values.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 386 Historical Highlights of French Queerness

Crosslisted with: FREN 386 Notes: Taught in English

Description: A survey of normative and subversive gender identities in

France 1600-2000. **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

WMNS 387 Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory

Crosslisted with: CZEC 387, GERM 387, JUDS 387

Notes: Taught in English.

Description: Examination of complexities of women's experience under

Nazism and Communism of Central and Eastern Europe.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

WMNS 388 Body Language: Love, Politics, and the Self in French

Literature

Crosslisted with: FREN 388, ENGL 388, MRST 388

Notes: Taught in English.

Description: French texts from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries (drama, prose, poetry, autobiography), all of which use the body as a reference point to explore developments in gender, religion, science, and

society in French literature and civilization.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 391 Special Topics in Women's & Gender Studies

Description: Topics vary. **Credit Hours:** 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 395 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Experiential learning designed to deepen understanding of classroom concepts related to study of women and gender in society.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Pass No Pass WMNS 396 Independent Study

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent reading or research under direction by a faculty

Credit Hours: 1-3

member.

Min credits per semester. 1 Max credits per semester. 3 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 401K LGBTQ Drama and Popular Culture

Crosslisted with: ENGL 401K, ENGL 801K, WMNS 801K

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: Overview of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer

drama and popular culture.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 402 Sexuality in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century America

Crosslisted with: HIST 402, HIST 802, WMNS 802

Description: Sexual practices and ideologies in American history from the

1800's to the present. **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 410 Gender: An Anthropological Perspective Crosslisted with: ANTH 410, ANTH 810, WMNS 810

Prerequisites: 6 hrs ANTH

Description: Theoretical approaches to gender. Emphasis is placed on cross-cultural differences in gender socialization of as it pertains to sexual behavior, power within domestic and public spheres, and the

impact of gender on individual aspirations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 410A Body, Dress and Identity

Crosslisted with: TMFD 410, TMFD 810, WMNS 810A

Prerequisites: TMFD 410 ONLY: Junior or Senior standing; 3hrs PSYC or

SOCI; TMFD 123.

Description: Theories and research findings about the social, cultural, and psychological aspects of clothing and appearance in relation to the self and others. Special emphasis will be placed on relationship(s) between

the body, dress, and personal and social identites.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: TMFD 910

WMNS 412 Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Crosslisted with: SOCI 412, SOCI 812, WMNS 812

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior standing

Description: Examination of how religion is used to shape, maintain, and transform gender and sexuality in the U.S. and beyond. Focus on the intersection of religion, gender, and sexuality from a feminist/queer

theoretical perspective.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 414 Women's Literature

Crosslisted with: ENGL 414, ENGL 814, WMNS 814

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: A particular historical or other groups of literature by and about women, seen in their aesthetic and intellectual context.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 421 Psychology of Gender Crosslisted with: PSYC 421, PSYC 821, WMNS 821

Prerequisites: 12 hrs PSYC.

Description: Theory and research on the role of gender in human behavior and attitudes. Diverse theoretical positions on the development of gender and the biological, social, and cultural bases that influence the relationship between gender and a variety of areas of human experience (e.g., intelligence and achievement, emotion, relationships, sexuality, physical fitness, stress, and coping).

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Groups:** CAS Diversity in the US

WMNS 440 Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World Crosslisted with: CLAS 440, CLAS 840, WMNS 840

Description: Ancient Greek and Roman evidence pertaining to the fields of

women's studies, gender studies, and the study of sexuality.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 445 Gender Economics and Social Provisioning

Crosslisted with: ECON 445, ECON 845, WMNS 845

Prerequisites: ECON 211 or ECON 212

Description: Introduction to the field of feminist economics. Critiques of economic theory and methodology along with gender and household decision-making, the care economy, international migration, development, globalization, the feminization of labor markets, and macroeconomics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Groups:** General Economics and Theory

Experiential Learning: Research

WMNS 454 Gender and Sexuality in Spain

Crosslisted with: SPAN 454, SPAN 854, WMNS 854

Prerequisites: SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, or SPAN 304 and an additional 3

hours of SPAN at the 300 level.

Description: Analysis of gender and sexuality in the culture and literature of Spain, covering topics related to women's studies, masculinities and

LGBTQ+ issues. Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

WMNS 459 Women and Gender in African Societies

Crosslisted with: HIST 459, HIST 859, ETHN 459, WMNS 859 **Description:** Explores how the contemporary women's movement has

emerged within Africa and its relationship to social change.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 470 Feminisms in Latin America

Crosslisted with: SPAN 470, SPAN 870, WMNS 870, ETHN 470

Prerequisites: SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, or SPAN 304 and an additional 3

hours of SPAN at the 300 level.

Description: Examination of a variety of feminist Latin American texts including poetry, fiction, history, philosophy and political manifestos from a cultural and literary studies perspective. Consideration of pop culture

and visual artists. **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 475A Rhetorical Theory: Rhetoric of Women Writers

Crosslisted with: ENGL 475A, ENGL 875A, WMNS 875A

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: Rhetoric and rhetorical theory of women writers and speakers and its implications for literature, composition, literacy, feminist

theory, and women's and gender studies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 476A Gender and Sexuality in Latin America

Crosslisted with: HIST 476A, ETHN 476A, HIST 876A, WMNS 876A

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: Experience of femininity and masculinity compared according to time and place, revealing the intimate connections with

nation, modernity, race, and ethnicity.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 477 Gender and Material Culture Crosslisted with: TMFD 477, TMFD 877, WMNS 877

Prerequisites: Junior Standing; 3 hours in any of the following areas:

ANTH, SOCI, HIST, AHIS, TMFD or WMNS.

Description: In depth analysis of the relationship between material culture and gender roles, categories, and performances. Engages with theoretical frameworks for material culture and gender, as well as topics such as the body, clothing, the built environment, technology and media.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 485 Feminist Theories, Feminists' Perspectives

Crosslisted with: WMNS 885

Prerequisites: WMNS major or minor.

Description: Introduction to feminist and gender theory. Important theoretical frameworks upon which Women's Studies is based and the

implications of these theories in practice.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option **Prerequisite for:** WMNS 489

WMNS 486 Sociology of Gender

Crosslisted with: SOCI 486, SOCI 886, WMNS 886 Prerequisites: 9 hours of SOCI, or Senior standing. Notes: SOCI 200 is strongly recommended.

Description: Evaluation and application of scholarly theory and research on gender in societal context. The nature and effects of sex stratification, gendered culture, institutionalized sexism, feminist theory and sociology

of knowledge.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 489 Senior Seminar Prerequisites: WMNS 485

Description: Topic varies. Focus is to integrate a variety of perspectives on Women's and Gender Studies; to tie together diverse materials that the student will have been presented with in the discipline oriented courses.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

WMNS 491 Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

Description: Topics vary. **Credit Hours:** 1-6

Min credits per semester. 1 Max credits per semester. 6 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option WMNS 499 Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

WMNS 499H Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: Independent research leading to a thesis.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLEASE NOTE

This document represents a sample 4-year plan for degree completion with this major. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your college or department academic advisor. Advisors also can help you plan other experiences to enrich your undergraduate education such as internships, education abroad, undergraduate research, learning communities, and service learning and community-based learning.

Women's and Gender Studies (B.A.) Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Transferable Skills

- · Advocate for marginalized or underrepresented groups
- · Analyze and interpret difficult texts
- Communicate clearly using different forms of writing to and for a variety of different audiences
- Compose convincing arguments and present logical information
- · Contextualize political, social, and historical events
- · Evaluate human behavior and explain social phenomena
- · Examine problems from multiple perspectives
- · Gain global perspective and high levels of intercultural awareness
- · Listen actively and facilitate individual and group communication
- · Offer empathetic, sensitive, and patient interactions with others
- · Perform analysis of social and cultural issues
- · Understand and utilize a variety of research methodologies
- Understand human interactions and behaviors in multiple environments

- · Understand the connection between people, places, and communities
- · Use various qualitative and quantitative research methodologies

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- English Teaching Assistant, Fulbright Commission Madrid, Spain
- Event & Social Media Coordinator, Behind the Glass Comic Art Gallery

 Lincoln, NE
- Event Manager, Kendra Scott Omaha, NE
- Family Engagement Specialist, Community Action Partnership Lincoln, NE
- Human Resources Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Lincoln, NE
- Master Data Analysist, Interpublic Group Omaha, NE
- · Program Specialist, Girl Scouts Omaha, NE
- · Rural Advocate, Voices of Hope Lincoln, NE
- · Small Business Advisor, Celebrity Staffing Omaha, NE
- Therapeutic Mentor, St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women – Lincoln, NE

Internships

- · Intern, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Lincoln NE
- · Women's Advocate Intern, Friendship home Lincoln NE
- · Education Intern, Henry Doorly Zoo Omaha NE

Graduate & Professional Schools

- Master's Degree, Education, College of Saint Mary Omaha, NE
- Master's Degree, Social Work & Criminology—Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska—Omaha — Omaha, NE
- Master's Degree, Public Administration, University of Nebraska— Omaha – Omaha, NE
- Master's Degree, Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

 Chicago, IL
- Educational Degree Specialist, School Psychology, University of Nebraska-Omaha - Omaha, NE
- Doctor of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NF
- Juris Doctor Degree, University of Nebraska College of Law Lincoln, NF
- Ph.D., Sociology, University of Nebraska-Omaha Omaha, NE