

## Certificate in Gender Studies Description

The Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies indicates that the bearer has an area of concentration and specialization in gender studies with an interdisciplinary focus. The director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies will administer the certificate and work with graduate students to identify appropriate courses and independent study opportunities.

### **Minimum Total Credit Hours: 12**

### **Goals/Mission Statement**

The goals of the certificate are to train students to teach interdisciplinary courses in gender studies and to certify to potential employers that they have such training; to bring graduate students from different disciplines together to study gender issues, encouraging conversation across disciplines and enlarging a community of students and faculty with shared interests; and to encourage interdisciplinary scholarship.

### **Course Requirements**

Only students already accepted for graduate study at the University of Mississippi by their home departments are eligible for the Gender Studies Graduate Certificate Program.

Graduate students will receive a Certificate in Gender Studies when they complete G St 600 and a minimum of 9 additional hours in classes dealing with gender and/or women's issues. A student must take at least 6 of these hours outside of his or her department. No more than 3 of these hours can be Directed Readings, and students cannot apply thesis or dissertation hours. Students must maintain at least a "B" average in all courses counted toward the certificate. The time limit for completing a certificate is four years.

Classes that fulfill this requirement include Soc 525, Psy 561, His 660, His 690, Engl 694, and Span 565. Other graduate classes may count towards the certificate with the approval of the director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies and the Sarah Isom Center's Teaching and Curriculum Committee.

