

# **THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**

In this inter- and multi-disciplinary certificate program students develop expertise in scholarship focused on women and gender. Courses will draw upon past and current research in women's studies, feminist theory, and gender studies and upon the Duquesne faculty whose research and teaching have been focused in these areas. The certificate will offer students the opportunity to give attention to women's and gender issues and receive official recognition for their work.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 18 credits (6 courses)
- Courses that will count toward the Certificate will consist of WGS courses officially cross-listed with courses offered by the various graduate programs.
- Students will take at least one WGS course in their own discipline.
- Students will take at least one WGS course in a discipline other than their own.
- Students may seek permission from the Director of Women's and Gender Studies to include courses not cross-listed in the program if said course(s) will have a substantial women's and gender studies component *and* if the student engages in a major project or paper in the field of women's and gender studies. To make this happen:
  1. Consult the Course Modification Specifications found on the WGS website
  2. Discuss and get approval for the modification from your instructor and the Director of WGS.
  3. Complete and submit the Proposal for Course Modification found on the WGS website; attach a copy of the syllabus.
- No more than one course may be a directed study.
- All courses must be passed with at least a "B" grade.
- Students will register for the Certificate using the form found on the WGS website and discuss their program of study with the Director as soon as possible after beginning graduate course work.
- Students will meet with the Director before they register each spring to receive approval for all courses pertaining to the Certificate.

*For those students seeking a professional path outside the academy, a background in Women's and Gender Studies is relevant to careers in:*

**Health Care, Legal Services, Government and Community Organizations  
Human Resources, Nonprofit Organizations, Educational Institutions  
Religious Organizations, Communications, Scientific Communities**