

Feminist Studies, Graduate Emphasis

The Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an emphasis in Feminist Studies, which is available to all graduate students at UCI. Satisfactory completion of the emphasis is certified by the Director of Graduate Study.

Students may apply for admission to the emphasis following successful completion of either GEN&SEX 200A or GEN&SEX 200B. For complete information about application policies and procedures, refer to the Gender and Sexuality Studies website (<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/genderandsexualitystudies/graduate/>) or contact the Director of Graduate Study.

Emphasis Requirements

Minimum course work for the graduate emphasis in Feminist Studies consists of four courses: two core courses, GEN&SEX 200A-GEN&SEX 200B, a coherent sequence normally taken in consecutive quarters; one elective graduate seminar in the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies; and one additional graduate seminar in feminist scholarship taught outside of the department. Within 30 days of completion of the outside course, students must submit a substantive narrative (500 words minimum) to the Director of Graduate Study about how their coursework sufficiently and effectively engaged with Feminist Studies. The narrative should include specific examples of how students engaged with feminist theories, frameworks, and key concepts in their coursework. In the event the Director of Graduate Study does not approve the narrative, the students will have the opportunity to repeat the process with another course.

The course requirements for Ph.D., M.A., and M.F.A. candidates are the same.

For doctoral students, the qualifying examination and dissertation topic should incorporate Feminist Studies in a meaningful way.

Requirements for Completion

During the final year of their graduate program, students must complete a GFE checklist, which includes the submission of the outside course narrative and a sample of work related to Feminist Studies (e.g. a dissertation chapter or substantive paper, a video, or other creative work). Upon receipt, the Graduate Director will verify completion of four required graduate courses related to Feminist Studies.

NOTE: The dissertation may be accepted in fulfillment of the sample of work when Feminist Studies is incorporated in a substantive way.