MINOR IN GENDER STUDIES

The Gender Studies program provides students the opportunity to study how gender structures our lives, ideas, institutions, society, and cultural practices. As an interdisciplinary program, Gender Studies combines the analytic tools of different disciplines, incorporating both practical and theoretical approaches to understanding how gender functions. The program also addresses how differences in racial, ethnic, class and sexual identity structure the complex nature of gender-based inequity, injustice, and systematic oppression of women.

Course Title Credits
Required Courses 12
Select four of the following:

CIN 370 Selected Topics in Cinema Studies
CIN 375 Women and Film
CIN 380 The Male Image in American Film
GLS 243 The Developing World
HI 315 Fashion Film and Food in South Asia
HI 316 Women and Gender in South Asia
HI 358 U.S. Women’s History
ID 211 Sex, Gender, and Power
ID 260 Sex and American Culture
LA 104 Gender and the Law
LA 105 Race and the Law
LIT 334 Women in Literature
LIT 366 American Icons
LIT 369 Sexual Identity and Culture
LIT 370 Passing in American Literature
LIT 377 Transgender Literature
LIT 381 Sitcom Nation: The American Family in Fiction and Film
MC 260 The Television Industry
MG 228 Managing Diversity in the Workplace
NASC 112 Evolution, Human Genetics and Behavior
PS 333 Gender Psychology
PS 351 Nonverbal Behavior and Judging Others
PS 388 Abnormal Psychology
SO 241 Race and Racism in the United States
SO 271 Self, Diversity and Society

Other courses offered in a particular semester may also count toward the Gender Studies minor. Students can check with the Gender Studies minor coordinator for more information.

Policies Related to Minors

- Some major/minor combinations are prohibited. See the major/minor exclusions list (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirments/major-minor-exclusions/) for more information.
- Courses taken to fulfill a minor can be applied as a business-related elective, arts and sciences electives, unrestricted electives, the humanities/social science elective or the mathematics/natural sciences elective.
- The electives guide (catalog.bentley.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirments/elective-guide/) defines all classes as either arts and sciences or business. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain an awareness of where courses taken for a minor apply to their degree requirements.
- Courses fulfilling General Education requirements (except the humanities/social science elective and the math/natural science elective) may not be applied to a minor.
- Courses used to fulfill the modern language requirement for BA students cannot be applied to a minor.
- Courses fulfilling Business Core requirements may not be applied to a minor (except for the Business Studies Minor).
- A course taken under the Pass/Fail/D policy may be applied to the minor.
- Major courses (including courses applied to the Liberal Studies Major or Business Studies Major) may not be applied to a minor.
- Students may apply only one course not taken at Bentley (from sources such as transfer, IB, AP, course away, non-Bentley study abroad program, etc.) to the minor.
- Students may only complete a maximum of two minors. A course may only apply to one minor.
- Students must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the minor.
- A minor may not be declared after a student has been awarded their bachelor’s degree.