Women’s and Gender Studies

Women’s and Gender Studies at Elon is a long-standing, dynamic program with an endowment that supports student, faculty and campus initiatives. As one of Elon’s flagship interdisciplinary minors, WGS at Elon represents a diversity of departmental affiliations across campus.

During the 2013-14 academic year we:

» Celebrated the 25th anniversary of the WGS program.
» Sponsored three students to attend the NC Leadership Institute for Reproductive Justice in Raleigh.
» Sponsored a panel celebrating Women’s Athletics at Elon during Women’s History Month.
» Offered 28 courses between fall 2013 and spring 2014 for WGS credit from various departments.
» Offered fall and spring sections of WGS 110: Sex and Gender. Had maximum enrollment in each section.
» Partnered with various organizations across campus to help sponsor and co-sponsor programs.
» Continued to strengthen alumni connections with our program by inviting them back to talk to students.

WGS minors are outstanding students. Our minors:

» Are honors fellows and Elon College Fellows and have been elected into Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Pi Eta and Omicron Delta Kappa.
» Have participated in mentored undergraduate research, internships and study abroad trips.
» Volunteer at Elon and in the surrounding communities and have participated in service-learning projects across the globe.
» Have gone on to pursue graduate study in social services, sociology, women’s and gender studies, higher education administration, social policy, divinity and law, just to name a few.
» Work for Equality North Carolina, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, UNC Women’s Center, NARAL Pro-Choice North Carolina, AmeriCorps Vista, the Prisoners’ Education and Advocacy Project, the chaplaincy department at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Los Angeles, Alexander Street Press, The Children’s Aid Society-Carrera Program and Huffington Post-Women.

WGS faculty are active and innovative scholars.

» WGS faculty publish on topics ranging from American impressionist painting, rape, critical feminist pedagogy and objectification, to the Book of Revelation, sports history, gender and media.
» They participate in art exhibitions and theatrical productions at national venues and present their research at conferences across the United States and abroad in countries such as the Kingdom of Bhutan, India and Canada.

The WGS program works to create a campus community that fosters tolerance and promotes equality.

» Last year, the program sponsored or co-sponsored 10 events on campus that featured academic discussion of relevant issues and co-sponsored the theatrical production The Vagina Monologues with a student group.
» Every year, we sponsor a film series with feature films followed by faculty or student-led discussions with the audiences. Last year, the program sponsored a three-part viewing of Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.
» It also coordinates a Belk Library display highlighting feminist scholarship for Women’s History Month and supports student groups such as EFFECT, SPECTRUM and Sparks.