

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN GENDER AND DIVERSITY STUDIES

Gender is political. It's cultural. It's complex. Whether we recognize it or not, we experience, reinforce and disrupt social expectations about masculinity, femininity, sex, sexuality, and sexual identities every day. A host of other identity categories (age, race, ability and disability, size, ethnicity, and class, among others) also contribute to how we experience "gender."

SRU offers a concentration in Gender and Diversity Studies in the department of Nonprofit Management, Empowerment and Diversity Studies and a minor in Gender Studies that explores these intersections and analyzes the messy but also fascinating concepts of gender and diversity within a social justice context. Both the major and minor are interdisciplinary, pulling from courses and departments from across the university, and thus both complement and enrich every major and minor. One question we're often asked is whether or not men can or should adopt the major or the minor. Absolutely!

The major and minor enhance every field, from Psychology to Education to Management and Marketing to Biology. Knowing more about how to navigate and better understand diversity in a respectful way not only contributes to future professional and graduate study success but helps make our world a kinder, more inclusive and equitable place.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Enhance critical thinking to understanding systemic issues (U02)
- Develop understandings of diversity and systemic equity issues on a transnational basis (UO 9)

RELATED LINKS

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Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher
Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	42
	Other Basic Requirments	0-3
	Major/Concentration Requirements	42
	Electives	36

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies 2 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 117	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/)		3
<i>Natural Science Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Science Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/) ²		12
Subtotal		12
Total Hours		42

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

² One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		

ESAP 110 Beginning Algebra

Total Hours 0-3**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT**

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

Major Requirements

- 21 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 21 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above (Adviser approved courses)
- Courses used in this major may not be used to satisfy ROCK Studies 2, a minor, or another major's requirements.
- AP, Credit by Exam, CLEP, and institutional credit by exam may count towards the degree to a maximum of 45 credits. Pass/Fail and non-credit courses will not be counted in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
<i>Oral and Written Communication</i>		
GNDR 115	Introduction to Gender Studies ¹	3
INDP 499	Capstone: Applied Interdisciplinary Studies ¹	3
<i>Interpersonal Skills and Civic Responsibility</i>		
Select six credits from the following and by advisement:		6
ENGL 242	African-American Literature ¹	
ENGL 244	Native American Literature ¹	
ENGL 248	Asian Literature ¹	
GNDR 120	Introduction to the Study of Masculinities ¹	
HLTH 211	Women's Health Issues ¹	
INDP 339	Gender Roles and Society ¹	
PHIL 140	World Religions ¹	
PHIL 336	Philosophy of Gender and Sex ¹	
POLS 356	Gay and Lesbian Politics ¹	
PSYC 240	Human Sexual Behavior ¹	
Approved Course		
<i>Analytical, Quantitative & Critical Thinking Skills</i>		
Select nine credits from the following and by advisement:		9
GNDR 415	Feminist Perspectives in the Disciplines ¹	
INDP 102	Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies ¹	
INDP 318	Research Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies ¹	
DEPT XXX	Departmental Approved Course	
Subtotal		21
Emphasis Area		
<i>Primary Emphasis – Gender or Diversity</i>		
Select 21 credits in the following categories (by advisement):		21
Foundations		
Culture and Society		
History		
Current Issues		
Experiential Learning Activities		

Must complete 40 hours of experiential learning activities which are approved by the Academic Adviser. Please consult with your Adviser for details of the options available.

Total Hours 42¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA.

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. International study programs (short-term, semester)
2. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes
3. Student-faculty creative projects
4. Internships
5. Experiential Learning (Practice experience outside the classroom)

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS - BS (5198)

Concentration in Gender and Diversity Studies (GNDR)

This program is effective as of Summer 2023

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