

Sociology has voted to remove all admission requirements for the major in order to be in-line with what other departments in CLAS are doing, and remove barriers to the major. Our current admission requirements are as follows:

### **Course Requirements**

Math Requirement. Satisfied by one of the following:

[MATH 101](#)                      College Algebra

[MATH 104](#)                      Precalculus Mathematics

Equivalent ACT/SAT, equivalent course, or higher course

Elements of Sociology. Satisfied by one of the following:

[SOC 104](#)                      Elements of Sociology

[SOC 105](#)                      Elements of Sociology, Honors

[SOC 304](#)                      Principles of Sociology

Sociology Admission Elective. Satisfied by sociology elective course.

### **Grade-Point Average Requirements**

- Satisfied by a minimum 2.5 GPA in required admission courses designated above.
- University Course Repeat Policy will apply.

Best,  
Tracey

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Statement regarding removal of REL admission requirements

The REL faculty voted recently to remove admission requirements for the undergraduate major in REL. In order to encourage additional students to pursue a REL degree as either a single or double major, and in line with other units across the College, we request removal of the admission requirements for the BA degree in REL.

Best,

Michael J. Zogry, Ph.D.

## Departmental Honors in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Major

### Summary

- 3.25 GPA KU overall & 3.5 GPA in the [WGSS or HXWS](#) major
- A senior honors thesis related to WGSS written over two semesters (two three-credit courses)
- *Double majors*: earn Honors in both majors with one thesis that is relevant to both programs.

### GPA Requirements

Students need a 3.25 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in their [Women's StudiesWGSS](#) major.

### Honors Thesis

Students write an honors thesis that is pertinent to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. An honors thesis is a piece of original research or other project supervised by a faculty member of any department. In most cases, the result will be a written document of some length, but this could vary depending on the topic and what the student and thesis advisor agree on. A single thesis can be submitted to WGSS and to another department for Honors in both programs, if both programs agree.

The senior honors thesis or honors project must be approved by a three-member thesis committee (the thesis advisor and two other faculty members, at least one of whom must be either in WGSS or [on the WGSS Advisory Boardserve as WGSS affiliate faculty](#)).

Students take 6 credit hours of honors thesis work (3 hours per semester for 2 semesters, earning a A or B in the first semester and a A the second. For these 6 hours, students can enroll in:

- [WGSS 498—Independent Study in WGSS](#)
- [WGSS 499](#)—Honors in WGSS
- [or](#)
- [and/or](#)
- [WGSS 498—Independent Study in WGSS](#)
- [and/orWGSS 601—Senior Capstone in WGSS](#)
- two Honors Research courses or two Independent Studies in any department

~~The last option would be especially relevant if the student plans to submit one honors thesis to both WGSS and another department in order to receive honors in both programs, or if the student's research advisor is not a member of the WGSS core faculty.~~

### Typical Timeline

Junior Year (or very early in the first semester of the student's last year): Select a topic for a thesis; [talk](#) to professors about ideas; find a professor willing to supervise the thesis. **Inform the WGSS Honors Coordinator!**

First Semester of the Last Year: Enroll in 3 credit hours of [WGSS 498](#) or [WGSS 499](#) or in an Independent Study of another department. Begin researching the thesis topic. The student and thesis advisor should form a three-person faculty committee (the thesis advisor and two other faculty members, at least one of whom must be either in WGSS or [on the WGSS Advisory Boardserve as WGSS affiliate faculty](#)). **Submit an Honors Intent Form by 1 March to College Advising and Student Services, 109 Strong.**

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Second Semester of the Last Year: ~~Enroll~~ In consultation with your thesis advisor, enroll in 3 credit hours of ~~WGSS 498 or WGSS 499 or WGSS 601~~ or in an Independent Study of another department. Finish the thesis. Have the thesis committee read the thesis and vote to award Honors (or not). If the thesis is passed, the thesis advisor needs to sign the **Honors Certification Form**, which can be obtained by the student in the College Advising and Student Services office, 109 Strong; after the advisor signs this form, it is then submitted back to the College Advising and Student Services, 109 Strong, at least a week before the end of the graduation term. The thesis advisor should also notify the Honors Coordinator of the result.

Double Majors: Students who are satisfying double majors and pursuing Honors in both majors may use one honors thesis for both majors if they get approval from both departments. The thesis must be related to both majors, and the thesis committee must include faculty members from both departments. Students must fulfill both departments' requirements for honors.

Proposed Changes to College bylaws related to addition of language specific to CUSA's role in KU Core review.

(proposed additions in red)

## 1. Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the College Assembly in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

### Article VII. Functions of the Standing Committees of the Assembly)

#### B. Special Functions

##### II. Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA) shall:

- a. Review and recommend to the CAC and/or the CA for action on all proposals with reference primarily to undergraduate course and curricular changes, program requirements (which include degrees, majors, minors, certificates) and educational policy and procedures. New majors, minors, degrees, or certificates, or deletions of the same, should be acted on individually. All other proposals should be considered as a whole.
- b. Review and forward to the University Core Curriculum Committee all proposals to include courses in the KU Core Curriculum for courses that are offered by departments/programs within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
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### Article X. Curricular Changes

- A. Proposals for course changes shall be submitted to the Committee on Graduate Studies or the Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising for consideration. These committees will review proposals and then either send them back to the proposing department(s) to correct and refine or forward them to the CAC, along with the committee's recommendations, at least one week in advance of the meeting at which the CAC will act upon the proposals.
- B. Proposals to include courses in the KU Core Curriculum shall be submitted to the Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA) for review. In addition to forwarding all proposals to the University Core Curriculum Committee, CUSA will communicate any concerns or recommendations to the department from which a proposal originates. Comments or concerns also will be forwarded to the University Core Curriculum Committee.
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