

# Virginia Commonwealth University Bachelor of Arts in Gender, Sexuality and

# Women's Studies

## Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

### TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog years: 2025-2027

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at VCU		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
UNIV 101	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		GSWS 301	3	
UNIV 111-112	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112.	GSWS 401	3	
UNIV 200	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		GSWS 493	3	
GSWS 201	3	HUM 210 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	These two courses must come from two different disciplines.	GSWS	3	GSWS art, media, culture and creative expression course (200- to 400-level)
General Education	3	Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature course (Block II)		GSWS	3	GSWS methods of social transformation course (200-to 400-level)
General Education	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (Block III)		GSWS	3	GSWS race, racism and anti-racism course (200- to 400-level)
General Education	3	Any UCGS History (Block VI)		GSWS	3	GSWS systems of power course (200- to 400-level)
General Education	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences (Block IV)		GSWS electives	9	These courses must be upper-level.
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS Math (Block V)		Electives	30	Discuss course options with your VCU advisor. Consider a second major or minor. Students must complete a total of 45 upper-level credits to graduate.
General Education	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking or CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication				
General Education	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course				

VCU equivalents	6-8	Foreign language 101-102 (or transfer electives if eligible for a language waiver)	The foreign language requirement can be waived if students completed 3 or more years at high school.			
VCU equivalents	17-20	Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits				
<b>CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60</b>				<b>CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60</b>		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

**This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.**

**By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BA in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies:**

- Earn the transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree. VCU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits at VCCS institution
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** <https://ugradadmissions.vcu.edu/register/letterofinterest>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

Gender, sexuality and women's studies provides a broad interpretation and view of diversity, including the interdisciplinary, cross-cultural examination of women's perspectives and experiences, masculinity and femininity, and heterosexuality and alternate sexualities as culturally constructed and socially experienced. An undergraduate degree in Gender, Sexuality

and Women's Studies is good preparation for graduate study in the subject, as well as other areas such as health, public administration, or business. Obtain leadership roles in school or community organizations. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are imperative for most careers related to education, law, politics, or government. Gain experience in fundraising and grant writing techniques. Nonprofit and educational organizations are often funded in this manner. Part-time and summer jobs, internships, and volunteer positions are critical to gaining the experience and skills that employers seek.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

With a Bachelor of Arts in gender, sexuality and women's studies from VCU, you'll be introduced to new analytical, theoretical and creative frameworks for understanding today's world, and working toward positive social change. You'll also gain life-changing insight on addressing social, cultural, economic and political inequities. When you graduate, you can enter any of a broad range of career fields, including non-profits, social services, health care, art and media production, publishing, education, government and international development agencies, social justice and law.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

The department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies is unique in that it partners with a wide diversity of other academic programs to bring innovative and interdisciplinary courses and programs to our students. This means that many courses are cross-listed with other departments, allowing students to double-major with ease. Some of the partner departments are African American Studies, English, Political Science, Sociology, and various departments in the School of the Arts.

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU "REAL" experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.