



Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) is an interdisciplinary program that brings together faculty from across the campus. The WEST **major** and **minor**—as well as our **certificate programs** in Native American, Latino/a, Gender & Sexuality, and Global Studies—center on the histories, experiences, and cultural expressions of women and racial or ethnic groups not only in the United States but also across the world. Our approach is intersectional in that it explores the connections among race/ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality and other hierarchies. WEST emphasizes cultural responsiveness, critical and cross-disciplinary thinking, creative and innovative teaching, community engagement, and local and global awareness. We aim to create an equitable and sustainable world by analyzing structural inequality from historical and cultural perspectives, and explore practical strategies for change. WEST offers one-on-one mentoring, small classes, travel courses, and a range of scholarship and internship opportunities.

Consider Choosing a Double Major in WEST...

Many UCCS students double major in WEST in a range of disciplines including History, Psychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Anthropology, Nursing, Languages and Cultures, Visual and Performing Arts, English, and Education. Students interested in a dual major in WEST and another discipline will need to complete the requirements for both majors, but they may double count up to two courses (6 credits) that are cross-listed between the disciplines. In addition, we have a formal WEST/SOC major.

*WEST Students Graduate with the Following
Competitive Career Skills...*

- **Exhibit critical thinking, research, and writing**
- **Implement an interdisciplinary approach to history, culture, and society**
- **Become culturally effective in order to engage with both difference and commonalities in the workplace**
- **Develop and Foster good communication, leadership, and community engagement**

*WEST Prepares
Students for the Future...*

By teaching and modeling ways to work effectively with people and groups from various backgrounds and experiences, WEST provides students with the knowledge and skills that are applicable to a wide range of graduate or professional programs and careers. Many of our students have gone on to complete graduate degrees or begin careers in the following fields:

- **Human Resource Management**
- **Administration**
- **Politics and Government**
- **Teaching**
- **Law and Law Enforcement**
- **International Relations**
- **Healthcare and Counseling**
- **Community Organizing, Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), and Non-Profits**
- **Public Relations**
- **Ethnography and Social Work**
- **Human Relations**
- **The Arts, including Writing, Filmmaking and Visual Arts**
- **Sustainable Management Practices**
- **Diversity Programming and Management**

Requirements for the WEST Major

A. Core Requirements	12 Credits
WEST 1010 Intro to Social Justice Studies	
WEST 3300 Topics in Methods and Research	
WEST 3400 Advanced Theory: An Intersectional Approach	
WEST 4950 Capstone/Senior Seminar	
B. Substantive Areas	9 Credits
Choose one from each of the Substantive Areas listed below; an updated list of courses is on the WEST website.	
Transnational/Global Studies	
Social Movements, Communities and History	
Creative and Artistic Expression	
C. Electives	9 Credits
Three upper-division WEST or cross-listed courses	
TOTAL	30 Credits
Transfer credits: A major is 30 (max 54) hours. At least 21 credits must be upper division. Of those 21 upper-division credits, 15 must be taken at UCCS. A minimum grade of C (2.0) must be earned for any course counted toward the major. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not be accepted.	

Requirements for the WEST Minor

A. Core Requirements	3 Credits
WEST 1010 Intro to Social Justice Studies	
B. WEST Electives	15 Credits
Upper-division WEST courses	
TOTAL	18 Credits
Transfer credits: Of the 18 hours required for a minor in WEST, 9 hours must be taken at UCCS, and 6 of those must be upper division. A minimum grade of C (2.0) must be earned for any course counted toward the minor. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not be accepted.	

For more information please visit: <http://catalog.uccs.edu/>

For questions about the major, minor, or certificates please contact Jane Muller at jmuller@uccs.edu or 719.255.4553