

MA PLAN FORM
Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research

To be updated by Graduate Student in the first week of classes each semester and submitted to the Graduate Coordinator (see below for details)

NAME:

UF ID#:

PHONE & EMAIL:

DATE/SEMESTER:

TYPE OF DEGREE: ☐ Thesis ☐ Paper/Project (Non-Thesis)

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE:

Please review the Graduate Handbook information about Supervisory Committees.

A supervisory committee for a Master of Arts degree, with a thesis is required to have:

- A Chair with Graduate Faculty Status in the Center
- One member with Graduate Faculty Status in the Center
- Additional members may be added and may have Graduate Faculty Status in or outside the Center, or submitted for Graduate School approval as special appointments.

A supervisory committee for a Master of Arts degree, with a Paper or Project (non-thesis) is required to have:

- A Chair with Graduate Faculty Status in the Center
- Additional members may be added and may have Graduate Faculty Status in or outside the Center, or submitted for Graduate School approval as special appointments

Please check with the Graduate Coordinator for a current list of faculty with Graduate Faculty status in the Center. Students are encouraged to have at least one additional committee member (e.g., an Affiliate Faculty member). Additional committee members should be considered in consultation with the Committee Chair.

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	Name	Graduate Faculty Status in Center? (Yes or No)
Chair		
Member(s)		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please list any additional information related to your degree plans (e.g., if you are pursuing a minor, please note it here and describe it).

MA COURSE PLAN

Please see the following sections in the Graduate Handbook before selecting courses to satisfy your MA Degree requirements: Course Selection, Course Petitions, MA Master of Arts (MA), thesis and non-thesis. In selecting courses, please also review the courses that are approved to count for credit for Center degrees. These are listed before each semester on the [Courses lists](#) on Center webpage. Courses may be selected from either *Courses in the Center - Graduate* or *Courses Outside the Department - Graduate*. Students should consult with their First-Year Advisor, Chair, and/or the Graduate Coordinator when selecting appropriate courses. On occasion, students may identify courses not on these lists which are relevant to their course of study. After consulting with their Supervisory Chair, students may petition to count such courses for Center degree credit (see Course Petitions in Graduate Catalog for further information).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The Center offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) thesis degree option, which requires the completion and defense of a thesis (30 credit hours), and the Master of Arts non-thesis degree option, which requires completion and defense of a project or paper (30 credit hours). All Master's students take a core curriculum of 12 graduate credits (4 courses). For the thesis M.A., the remaining 18 hours consist of 12 credits of approved electives and 6 thesis credits. It is strongly recommended that students take at least 3 additional credits in research methods or skills as an elective. For the non-thesis M.A., 18 credits of approved electives are required.

Required Core Courses (12 credits)

for both Thesis and Paper/Project (Non-Thesis)

Please complete information about required courses you have completed:

Course # : Course Name	Semester/Year/Credits	Grade
WST 5933: Proseminar		
WST 6008: Feminist Methods in Research and Scholarship		
WST 6508: Advanced Feminist Theory *or Approved 6000-level WST course in <i>Theory</i> – see below. <i>Note: Theory should be taken in first year.</i>		
Approved 6000-level WST course in <i>Feminist Praxis/Public Scholarship</i> – see below		

NOTE: If you substitute a theory or praxis course, please list title.

Electives (18 Credits)

(If doing Thesis, 6 credits must be WST 6971 MA Research)

Please list the courses you have completed:

	Course # : Course Name	Semester/Year/Credits	Grade
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Extra Courses taken, not counting toward MA degree requirements (usually about 6 Credits)

In addition to the 30 required credit hours for degree requirements, students generally take 6 or more credits during their time in the program (i.e., 9 credits per semester over 4 semesters = 36 credits). Students may use these additional credits to take skills/methods/theory courses outside of the list of approved electives or other courses relevant to the student's area of research.

Please any such courses you have completed:

	Course # : Course Name	Semester/Year/Credits	Grade
1			
2			
3			
4			

Helpful Course Information*Approved Core Course Substitutions:*

As noted on the MA plan of study and in the section on course requirements above, a list of courses have been approved to count for the *theory* requirement and the *praxis* requirement of the MA degree. Below are details:

Theory: One core course for the MA degree requirements (for thesis and non-thesis MA students) is WST 6508: Advanced Feminist Theory. This may be substituted with a course on the following list of approved courses 6000-level WST courses in theory:

WST 6935: Latinx Sexualities
WST 6935: Race, Sex, Representation
WST 6908: Advanced Feminist Theory
WST 6348: Ecofeminism
WST 6935: Gender, Popular Culture, and Performance Studies
WST 6406: Advanced Black Feminisms

Praxis: One core course for the MA degree requirements (for thesis and non-thesis MA students) is an approved 6000-level WST course in *Feminist Praxis/Public Scholarship*. Below is the list of the approved 6000-level WST courses in *Feminist Praxis/Public Scholarship*:

WST 6935: Social Justice Praxis WST
6596: Intersectional Activisms WST
6024: Girlhood Studies
WST 6935: AIDS Activisms
WST 6935: Reproductive Health and Justice
WST 6329: History of Women's Medicine

Note: These approved courses are not guaranteed to be taught every year. Please check the schedule to see if a course is offered (or check in with the Graduate Coordinator).

Recommended Additional Skills/Methods Courses:

In addition to the required WST6008, it is strongly recommended that students take at 3 additional credits in research methods or skills as an elective. This can be a WST course, or a course from outside the Center, suggested by Supervisory Chair (e.g., a statistics course for a research project using statistical methods).

- WST 6935: Data Feminisms
- WST 6935: Feminist Pedagogy
- WST 6935: Power, Justice and Qualitative Inquiry
- ANG 6930: Gender, Sex & Ethnographic Fieldwork
- MMC 6936: Critical Cultural Studies
- EDG 7224: Critical Pedagogy

For some more general methods/skills courses see also:

- FYC 6802, Advanced Research Methods for the Social Sciences
 - FYC 6800, Scientific Reasoning and Research Design,
- (As well, see courses in the Research and Evaluation Methodology program in the College of Education)

Additional Course Information:

- At least half of the required credits (not counting 6971) must be in the major (WST courses).
- No more than 6 credits can be taken as S/U credits, not including 6971.
- Students are limited to 6 credits of internship credits toward their MA degree and 6 credits of independent study. However, students are limited to a combined total of 9 credits of internship/independent study overall in their MA degree coursework. International students must check with the University of Florida International Center about eligibility for internship before enrollment.
- Six credits of undergraduate courses (3000-4999) outside the major (not WST) may count when taken as part of an approved graduate program. Consult the Academic Unit before registering.
- No more than 5 credits each of 6910 (Supervised Research) and 6940 (Supervised Teaching) may be taken by a graduate student at UF. Students who have taken 5 credits

- of 6910 cannot take 7910; the rule also applies to 6940 and 7940.
- Courses numbered 7979 and 7980 are not eligible to count toward a master-level degree program.
- All thesis students must register for an appropriate number of credits in 6971 in their final term (3 for fall/spring graduation; 2 for summer graduation).

Non-thesis students cannot earn credit in *Research for Master's Thesis* (6971) and so should not enroll in it.

SIGNATURES: This is a working document that will be updated each semester after consultation with a student's First Year Advisor and/or Chair. The Graduate Coordinator will store a copy of the latest version of this document in the S-drive. The Graduate Student should also keep a copy. Each semester the Graduate Student should discuss course selection with their First Year Advisor/Chair and turn in an updated MA Plan to the Graduate Coordinator no later than the first week of classes each semester.

First Semester signatures:

No later than the first week of classes of the first semester, the Graduate Student, Advisor, and Graduate Coordinator should review the document and print and sign if agreeing with the following statement: This plan of study has been reviewed and approved.

Graduate Student: _____ Date _____

First-Year Advisor: _____ Date _____

Graduate Coordinator: _____ Date _____

Second & Third Semester Initials: As the MA Plan of Study is updated each semester, the Graduate Student, Advisor, Committee Chair, and Graduate Coordinator, may add to the original plan as needed and indicate approval by initialing below with the semester and date noted.

For example: *KBW, Spring 2022, January 4, 2022*

Final Semester signatures: No later than the first week of classes of the final semester/graduating semester, the Graduate Student, Committee Chair, Graduate Coordinator, and Director should review the document and print and sign if agreeing with the following statement: **This plan of study has been reviewed and approved.**

Graduate Student: _____ Date _____

Committee Chair: _____ Date _____

Graduate Coordinator: _____ Date _____

Director: _____ Date _____