



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 established double majors with WEST/Sociology and WEST/Psychology.

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

- Critical thinking, research, and writing
- An interdisciplinary approach to history, culture, and society
- To become culturally effective in order to engage with both difference and commonalities in the workplace
- 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, which include...

- 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

**For questions about the major, minor, or certificates please contact Jane Muller at [jmuller@uccs.edu](mailto:jmuller@uccs.edu) or 719.255.4553**

*Requirements for the WEST Major*

**A. Core Requirements 10 Credits**

- WEST 1010 Intro to Social Justice Studies
- WEST 3400 Theory and Methods in WEST
- WEST 4995 Capstone /Summit add on (1 credit to be taken with a capstone-flagged course)
- Any WEST capstone-flagged course (list is on website)\_.

**B. Substantive Areas 9 Credits**

Choose one from each of the Substantive Areas listed below; an updated list of courses in on the WEST website.

- Transnational/Global Studies**
- Social Movements, Communities and History**
- Creative and Artistic Expression**

**C. Electives 12 Credits**

Three upper-division WEST or cross-listed courses

**TOTAL 30 Credits**

**Transfer credits: A major is 31 (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/>