



Why Women, Gender, and Health?

Addressing issues of women, gender, and health requires the study of the health of women and girls—and men and boys—throughout the lifecourse, with gender, gender inequality, and biology understood as important and interacting determinants of well-being and disease.

Also included are the study of gender and gender inequality in relation to individuals' treatment by and participation in health and medical care systems, the physical, economic, and social conditions in which they live, and their ability to promote the health of their families, their communities, and themselves.

Inherent in this definition is recognition of diversity and inequality among women—and men—in relation to race/ethnicity, nationality, class, sexuality, gender identity and age, and that protection of human rights is fundamental to health.



The Working Group on Women, Gender, and Health was founded in 1996 by Harvard School of Public Health faculty members, post-doctoral fellows, and students interested in advancing the study of women, gender, and health at HSPH. The Working Group meets monthly to discuss emerging topics, upcoming WGH events, curriculum development, public health research and practice regarding women, gender, and health. For information about our monthly meetings, events and links to other relevant sites about women, gender, and health, visit our Web site at:

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WOMEN, GENDER & HEALTH
INTERDISCIPLINARY CONCENTRATION

For All Students

WGH Concentration: Students should indicate their interest in the WGH concentration by contacting the WGH staff assistant at wgh@hsph.harvard.edu. Doctoral and masters students are responsible for fulfilling the requirements for their home department, and MPH students are responsible for fulfilling the MPH requirements, in addition to the concentration's requirements in WGH core courses and related courses focusing on women, gender and health. The WGH concentration requires 10 credits. Upon graduation, the degree will be issued from the home department and students will receive a letter from the WGH steering committee attesting to completion of the WGH concentration requirements.

For MPH students: In addition to the WGH core courses, MPH students who wish to pursue a focus in Women, Gender and Health may select a gender-related topic for their practicum in partial fulfillment of WGH concentration requirements. The practicum must be approved by both the concentration practice instructor and faculty of the WGH concentration. Alternatively, MPH students can complete an additional 2.5 credits of WGH core-coursework or courses including gender analysis. *Please note, MPH students may need to petition their departments to complete core requirements. Please contact wgh@hsph.harvard.edu for more information.*



WGH Events: Each academic year, the Working Group on Women Gender and Health sponsors the WGH Speaker Series. Brownbags happen bi-monthly and feature a speaker/facilitator who introduces a gender-related topic of interest, followed by an engaging small-group discussion. WGH events bring speakers who address a wide variety of gender-related public health research and practice issues in a small-group or larger seminar setting. All are welcome and lunch is provided.

WGH Concentration Requirements	
Comprehensive (10 credits)	
Students eligible	2-year Masters; Doctoral
Required courses	5 credits in any of the WGH core courses (listed below) plus 3.75 credits from either other WGH core courses OR courses including gender analysis, plus 1.25 credits in any other courses listed.
WGH Focus for MPH Students (10 credits)	
Students eligible	MPH students only
Required courses	5 credits in WGH core courses plus 2.5 credits from courses including gender analysis, plus 2.5 credits for practicum that addresses a gender topic, OR another 2.5 credits of WGH core courses or courses including gender analysis.

WGH Core Courses	
WGH211 [Fall 1]	Gender and Health: Introductory Perspectives [2.5 credits]
WGH210 [Fall 2]	Women, Gender, and Health: Critical Issues in Mental Health [1.25 credits]
WGH304 [Fall 2]	Women Gender and Health, Critical Issues in Mental Health, Independent study [1.25 credits] - <i>Must be taken with WGH210</i>
WGH220 [Fall 2]	Sexuality and Public Health [2.5 credits]
WGH200 [Spring 1]	Women, Gender, and Health [2.5 credits]
WGH207 [Spring 2]	Advanced Topics in Women, Gender, and Health [1.25 credits]

Courses Including Gender Analysis	
WGH300 [Fall/Spring]	Women, Gender and Health Independent Study [upto 2.5 credits]
GHP218 [Fall 1]	Health and Human Rights: Concepts and Methods for Public Health [2.5 credits]
SHH210 [Spring]	Women, Health, and Development: Reconciling Science and Policy [2.5 credits]
SHH215 [Fall]	History, Politics, and Public Health: Theories of Disease Distribution and Social Inequalities in Health [5.0 credits]
SHH237 [Fall 2]	The Practice of Preventing Intimate Partner Violence [2.5 credits]

Courses with Women's Health Content	
EH241 [Spring]	Occupational Safety and Injury Prevention [2.5 credits]
EH243 [Fall]	Ergonomics/Human Factors [2.5 credits]
EPI213 [Spring 1]	Epidemiology of Cancer [2.5 credits]
EPI223 [Fall 1]	Cardiovascular Epidemiology [2.5 credits]
EPI224 [Spring 2]	Cancer Prevention [2.5 credits]
EPI255 [Fall 2]	Epidemiology of HIV Infection, Part I: Etiology, Natural History, and Transmission [2.5 credits]
EPI269 [Fall 2]	Epidemiologic Research in Obstetrics and Gynecology [2.5 credits]
EPI270 [Spring 2]	Advanced Topics in Reproductive Epidemiology [1.25 credits]
HPM213 [Spring 1]	Public Health Law [2.5 credits]
ID513 [Spring 1]	Ethics and Health Disparities [2.5 credits]
GHP214 [Fall 2]	Health, Human Rights and the International System [2.5 credits]
GHP267 [Fall 2]	HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries:Epidemiology and National Responses [2.5 credits]
GHP502 [Spring 1]	International Reproductive Health Issues: From Theory to Practice [2.5 credits]
GHP503 [Spring 2]	The Determinants of Fertility and Mortality [2.5 credits]
GHP505 [Spring 2]	Sex, Reproduction, and Reproductive Health [2.5 credits]
SHH201 [Fall 1]	Society and Health [2.5 credits]
SHH208 [Fall 2]	Adolescent Health [2.5 credits]
SHH216 [Spring 2]	Childbirth: Health Policy and Epidemiology [1.25 credits]
SHH219 [Spring 2]	High Risk-Behavior: Epidemiology/Prevention Strategies [2.5 credits]
SHH222 [Spring 2]	Social Services for Children, Adolescents and Families [2.5 credits]
SHH246 [Spring 1]	Issues in Maternal and Child Health Programs and Policies [2.5 credits]
SHH278 [Fall 2]	Society, Human Development and Public Health [2.5 credits]

NOTE: Some courses may not be offered every year, and information (credits, names, etc.) is subject to change. Check the HSPH courses and schedules webpage.