

What happened?

The Women and Gender Studies (WGS) Major at Iowa State has been cut along with nine other programs.

Current majors can finish their degree and the minor will continue to be offered.

The move was after the universities Program Vitality Review, which is a part of the Board of Regents "Workplace Alignment Review." The review claims that their decisions are based on enrollment data, credit hour production, workforce demand, and how each program relates to Iowa State's land-grant mission.

However, it's impossible to separate this move from the countless anti-DEI attacks against campus resources, like The Center for LGBTQIA+ Success, or the nationwide move to close these programs lead by far right partisans.

WGS and similar majors are important to the continued growth of our communities and push towards equality within our society. If people aren't taught about the problems impacting people of all genders, we risk falling into patterns of the past that only served to amplify damaging rhetoric and anti-feminist ideology.

"Feminism is not just about women; it's about letting all people live fuller lives"-Jane Fonda

Why does it matter?

The WGS Major deserves to still be offered at Iowa State.

It barely fell short of the registration threshold.

It amplifies marginalized voices within academia.

It helps students develop cross-disciplinary skills.

There's a plethora of reasons the WGS major should continue to be offered, but perhaps most importantly...

It sets a precedent. Bad faith actors that throw big enough tantrums can get full degrees cut.

Why should I help?

The number one justification that has been provided for cutting the major is numbers.

Showing up in numbers can help save what's left of the program and can help fight to restore the parts getting cut.

What can I do?

There's two main ways you can help:

Sign the petition

Declare a WGS minor

Both of these actions help show the university that there is enough people interested in the program.

Save Women and Gender Studies at Iowa State

What happened, why it matters and what you can do.



Interested in participating in activism? Join CUE today!

Simply join our discord and attend weekly meetings.

Meeting days and times are subject to change so pay close attention to updates given in the announcements channel!

Meeting Location:

The Vine, located on the 2nd floor of the CPC: 159 Sheldon Ave.



Created by Future We Demand, it calls for specific actions from specific people.

Read through the entirety of the petition by scanning this QR code!



How to declare a minor:

Required courses:

WGS 2010: Intro to WGS

WGS 3010: International Perspectives on WGS

One 4000 level course

6 additional WGS credits, 3 of which has to be 3000/4000 level

ANYONE CAN MINOR IN WGS

All you have to do is email your advisor to start the process