

**Women's and Gender Studies Program**  
**Capstone Portfolio and Capstone Conference Guidelines**

Capstone Portfolio:

Students should select three papers or projects from three different classes that they took to complete the Women's and Gender Studies minor. Then, students must write a 1-2 page cover letter, addressed to the Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, explaining how the papers within the portfolio demonstrate achievement of the five Student Learning Outcomes of the Women's and Gender Studies minor.

The Student Learning Outcomes declare that graduates of the Women's and Gender Studies Program will be able to:

- 1: Demonstrate knowledge of women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of society.
- 2: Analyze how gender is embedded within social institutions and culture.
- 3: Articulate how different academic disciplines investigate women and gender.
- 4: Analyze how gender intersects with other categories of identity.
- 5: Explain how gender constructions affect individual lives.

It is not necessary that each individual paper or project reflect each of the five learning outcomes, but the portfolio as a whole should address all the outcomes.

Capstone Conference:

For the Capstone Conference, students will meet with the Women's and Gender Studies Director and two members of the Women's and Gender Studies Program Advisory Committee to discuss the Capstone Portfolio and to respond to questions.

Questions?

Please contact the Women's and Gender Studies Program Director at [molly.johnson@uah.edu](mailto:molly.johnson@uah.edu) with any general questions, or for consultation in preparing the Capstone Portfolio.