

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

Capstone Portfolio Description:

Students must 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. You should email the cover letter and the three papers as attachments to the Women's and Gender Studies Director at molly.johnson@uah.edu.

The Student Learning Outcomes state 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 all five learning outcomes, but the portfolio as a whole should address all the outcomes. In other words, each learning outcome should be reflected in at least one paper and be addressed in the cover letter.

Cover Letter Formatting Instructions:

Write a brief introduction paragraph. Then, write one paragraph each on Learning Outcomes 1, 2, 4, and 5 as they are reflected in the portfolio. Then, in your conclusion paragraph, reflect on Learning Outcome 3.

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 Portfolio.

Questions?

Please contact Dr. Molly Johnson at molly.johnson@uah.edu with any questions as you prepare your portfolio.