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Women's Studies Programs offering graduate degrees recently responded to the following questions:

1. What is the curricular shape and major emphasis of your program? How flexible is it? How many (and which) credits and other requirements must be completed for the degree? Name your degree(s).

2. What kinds of students are you interested in? What are your official (and unofficial) requirements and expectations of students? Provide relevant information about application deadlines, interviews, etc.

3. What is the cost of your program? Are forms of financial aid or teaching assistantships available? Is housing available or especially difficult or expensive to obtain?

4. Can you estimate the number of graduates of your program, as of Summer 1978, and can you describe what they have gone on to do?

Brief descriptions of four other graduate programs appeared in our Fall 1978 issue. In future issues, we will continue this series, as a service to prospective students and their advisors.

**Women's Studies Program, California State University/Chico, Ethnic and Women's Studies, Chico, CA 95929—Gayle Kimball, Coordinator**

1. A special individual M.A. program in women's studies can be put together through the Graduate Division. The requirements include specificity of focus—such as Counseling Women, Women and History, Women in Spanish Culture, or Women's Music and Mass Communication. Thirty units of coursework are required, in addition to a thesis, research papers, a comprehensive examination, or a terminal project, as determined by the student's graduate advisory committee.

2. The college is eager for enrollment.

3. Tuition costs $110.50 per semester.

4. We have had three graduates, all in Women and Counseling, two of whom are employed (the third is engaged in getting her credentials).

**Women's Studies Program, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197—Nadean Bishop, Coordinator**

1. An M.A. in women's studies is now available through the Master's Degree Program in Individualized Studies. Students design a structured sequence of courses which have academic integrity justified by goals which fall outside those of existing graduate programs. Thirty hours are required for the degree, including a minimum of six hours in a cognate field. Flexibility to satisfy individual goals has been the most attractive feature of this degree: our most innovative design thus far combined ceramics with basic women's studies courses—the student, a potter who specializes in abdominal casts of pregnant women. EMU now offers four graduate courses and seven others that, at the 400-level, may be taken toward the M.A. A thesis is not required.

2. We hope to attract teachers who completed their formal education before the development of women's studies, as well as many others from a variety of disciplines for whom the M.A. is important. Applications are due six months before the term begins, and no interview is necessary.

3. Michigan residents pay $37.00 per credit hour for graduate courses; non-residents pay $90.00. Housing is available close to campus, but it is fairly expensive. Teaching assistantships are not yet available in women's studies, but are relatively easy to get in cognate areas.

4. Since the program is new, we cannot report on graduates. We expect approximately ten students to complete the degree in the next two years.

**Women's Studies Program, University of Iowa, 305 English-Philosophy Building, Iowa City, IA 52242—Sarah H. Madden, Chair**

1. The major emphasis of the Iowa Women's Studies Program is liberal arts. At present there is no M.A., but one can pursue an M.A. in a traditional department and focus on women's studies according to the offerings of that unit. At present we do not offer a Ph.D. ourselves, but one can propose a women's studies Ph.D. through the interdisciplinary Ph.D. plan in the Graduate College.

2. We are interested in students who wish to pursue studies in liberal arts.

3. Yearly tuition is $950 for graduate students. Our library is excellent. The Women's Studies Program does have teaching assistantships which are located in various departments where graduate students may teach courses associated with women's studies.

4. We cannot answer this question at this time.

**Women's Studies Program, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625—Blanche Hersh, Coordinator**

1. We offer an M.A. in social science with a concentration in women's studies. Thirty-six credit hours are required, within which students must take the following: a course called Scope and Methods of Social Science, and either a Research Seminar in General Social Science or a Thesis Seminar. Students draw up a contract of study with the approval of the coordinators of the M.A. Social Science Program and the Women's Studies Program. At least half of the courses must be at the 400 level; six to nine hours of independent study at the 400 level may be included.

Northeastern does not have a Ph.D. program and only the Department of History offers its own M.A. Therefore, we do not have as many 400-level women's studies courses as we need. Only in history can we be fairly sure of having 400-level offerings regularly. The Women's Studies Program has been encouraging interested
faculties to develop graduate courses and using some part-time stipends to help pay for them; this has helped somewhat. Most of our graduate students attend part-time, taking one or two courses each trimester. In this way, they can eventually accumulate their 400-level courses. (We have a good faculty and many 300-level courses—which make for a strong undergraduate program.)

2. We are not encouraging students to enter the M.A. program, but if they are interested, they must be admitted to the Graduate College first, a procedure that is not complex.

3. Tuition for Illinois residents is set at $270 per trimester for full-time students; $22.50 per credit hour for part-time students. For nonresidents, the corresponding fees are $810 and $67.50. Financial aid is limited, since teaching assistantships are not available. Northeastern is a commuter campus and Chicago rents are high.

4. Approximately 14 people have completed the M.A. program. Most have been teachers and have continued working at their jobs. Several have gone on for the Ph.D. One has taken a teacher/counselor position at Northeastern in an alternative degree program.

Program in Women's Studies, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO 80639—Marcia Willcoxon, Coordinator.

1. While ours is primarily an undergraduate program, it is possible for students to earn graduate degrees in women's studies (the M.A., M.S., D.A., or Ed.D.) through the university's School for Educational Change and Development (SECD). The M.A./M.S. degree requires 45 quarter-hours of graduate credit, at least 22 of which must be taken in residence at Greeley. Eight to 15 of these hours of graduate credit may be granted for the thesis or project. Doctorate degrees require 90 hours of graduate credit and three consecutive quarters spent in residence. Eighteen credit hours are earned by the dissertation, for which two nine-credit-hour projects may be substituted.

SECD programs in women's studies should be developed by students in consultation with the Coordinator and the Women's Studies Committee. The Women's Studies Senior Seminar is required. SECD programs must be approved by the three or four faculty members the student selects as Resource Board members and by the Advisory Board of SECD.

2. Students interested in individualized graduate women's studies programs are encouraged to apply.

3. Tuition costs for Colorado residents are $160 per quarter; for nonresidents, $638.

4. At present we have one student pursuing a D.A. degree in women's history through SECD. Her program is entitled "The Colorado Case in Historical Perspective: Using the 1975 National Women's Conference Act (Public Law 94-167) as a Vehicle for Social Change." In addition, a number of students planning to teach in junior or senior high schools will be combining women's studies (about 24 credit hours) with their coursework in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education.

Centers for Research on Women

The preliminary listings that follow were kindly supplied by Mariam Chamberlain, Program Officer, The Ford Foundation. In a subsequent issue, we plan to provide annotated information about the work of the centers.

Center for Women Policy Studies
2000 P Street, NW, Suite 508
Washington, DC 20036
Margaret J. Gates, Co-Director

Columbia University
Research Program on Sex Roles and Social Change
Center for the Social Sciences
420 West 118 Street
New York, NY 10027
Jonathan R. Cole & Cynthia B. Lloyd, Co-Directors

Cornell University/Metropolitan District Institute for Education and Research on Women and Work
New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations
7 East 43 Street
New York, NY 10017
Barbara M. Wertheimer, Director

University of Michigan
Center for Continuing Education for Women
328-330 Thompson Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
Jean W. Campbell, Director

Radcliffe College
Data Resource and Research Center
10 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
Matina S. Horner, President

Rutgers University
Center for the American Woman and Politics
Eagleston Institute of Politics
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Ruth B. Mandel, Director

Simmons College
Institute for Case Development and Research
Graduate Programs in Management

Boston, MA 02215
Jeanne D. Stanton, Director

Stanford University
Center for Research on Women
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Stanford, CA 94305
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Center for Policy Research on Women and Families
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 Wellesley College
Center for Research on Women
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