Master of Arts: Procedures for Field Exams (Course Intensive MA)

All courses (six 5-credit courses or a total of 30 credit hours) in your M.A. program must be completed by the end of the semester in which you are registered for WS 999 (Field Exam). Any exceptions must be approved by the Graduate Program Committee.

The field exam will be based upon the subject areas of two of your completed courses in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (including Directed Studies). In consultation with the Graduate Chair, you will decide on which two courses the examinations will be based and submit at least two exam questions on issues relevant to the course material. If more than two questions are submitted, the student will choose which two they will answer. The exam will be take-home with a deadline agreed upon between the student and the Graduate Chair.

The exam will be marked by the Graduate Chair and one other faculty member as second reader. If both readers fail the exam, it would constitute a failure of the degree. If one of the readers fails the exam, the student will be asked to do a re-write within six weeks. The re-write will be assessed by a third reader, usually the Department Chair. A second failure of the exam would constitute a failure of the degree.