

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

Bachelor's Degree

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Gender shapes our experiences and creates our world.



"I had an amazing time in the Women and Gender Studies (WGS) program. There's such a sense of community and genuine caring within the program. The coursework is challenging and on par with learning at bigger universities, and the content in the classes is pertinent to today's society. Anyone who has anything to say or learn about gender, society, and women's issues will be enriched by WGS classes."

Maggie Benedict
Women and Gender Studies Major,
Class of 2008

Find Your Inspiration

The Women and Gender Studies program (WGS) imparts an interdisciplinary foundation for understanding issues related to women and gender. In addition to an interdisciplinary grounding, courses employ a multicultural and international perspective. WGS's purpose is to understand gender as it intersects with class, sexual orientation, and race as a fundamental type of social and cultural investigation. WGS students gain wisdom and change their outlook on life, from the personal level to the global.

Imagine Career Possibilities

The Women and Gender Studies program offers an excellent preparation for graduate study and diverse career options, including affirmative action official, career counselor, community organizer, consultant, social services counselor, director of women's center, editor/writer for women/gender publications, lobbyist for women/gender issues, media analyst, human resources professional, union organizer, women/gender research specialist, and medical/health specialists.

Envision the Process

Courses focusing on women and/or gender are offered in the areas of literature, history, religion, philosophy, politics, art history, social/cultural studies, media, and psychology, as well as women and gender studies. Service learning is an important component of the curriculum. In the senior year, Women and Gender Studies majors undertake research projects in which they develop a topic, evaluate and interpret sources and materials, and write a senior thesis.

Achieve Success

Students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the ways in which gender impacts cultural, economic, and psychological experiences worldwide, both contemporary and historical.
2. Demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the main theories of feminism world-wide (e.g., social, cultural, and radical) developed in psychology, politics, humanities or other relevant fields.
3. Synthesize information from numerous disciplines as it relates to the impact of gender and/or sexualities on individual lives, groups, and cultures.
4. Apply feminist and gender theory to an analysis of gender, including an examination of the construction of femininity and masculinity.

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5. Recognize the global, scientific, cultural, historical, and political issues that have created distinctions and disruptions among women, men, and sexual minorities.
6. Employ the Women and Gender Studies Major as a platform to pursue career or graduate studies options.
7. Apply Women and Gender Studies knowledge actively through service in the community.
8. Explore connections with other programs on campus with a focus on women or gender issues.

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