The Major Program

Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary major founded on the understanding that the social production of gender is inseparable from that of race, sexuality, class, nationality, ability and other categories of difference. Our curriculum places feminist concerns within a transnational context, while respecting the need for geographic and historical specificity. These frameworks inform our teaching, our research, our institutional & community practices, and the principles we bring to our classrooms. Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies offers a wide range of classes that use the lenses of gender & sexuality studies to examine colonialism and post colonialism, globalization, history, queer & trans experiences, science & technology, literature, popular culture, feminist video production, cinema & digital media, fashion, and food. The Department offers both an undergraduate major and minor. We also work collaboratively with other units on campus to sponsor two undergraduate minors, Sexuality Studies and Social, Ethnic & Gender Relations.

The Department

One of the most exciting and challenging aspects of the Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Department is that students, in consultation with peer and faculty advisors, can pursue their particular academic interests and design their course of study accordingly. In devising their major plan, students will draw on courses offered in African American & African Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian American Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Comparative Literature, English, French, German & Italian Studies, History, Linguistics, Native American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Science & Technology Studies, Sociology, Spanish, and other related disciplines.

In addition to offering a broad array of courses that deal with gender, class, race, ethnicity, and sexuality, the Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Department affords interested students the opportunity to earn internship credit and conduct independent research as well as take advantage of the Honors Thesis option.

Students design a program of study in consultation with an advisor that is in accordance with their individual career goals. Many Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies majors find it advantageous to pursue a double major, or to minor in another field of study. Upon successful completion of the degree requirements, students majoring in the program will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies.

Career Alternatives

A degree in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies opens many possibilities for future employment. The major introduces students to relevant social issues, fosters critical thinking, develops strong verbal, writing and research skills and encourages social advocacy.

Pre-professional students will discover that a major in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies offers useful preparatory training for medical or law school. It is particularly suitable for those interested in specializing in social policy, international development, social justice or gender-related work in a wide range of institutions and contexts. Students who plan to do practical work in counseling, clinical psychology, social services, education, media or politics will also find a major in Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies provides a strong foundation. Those who wish to pursue graduate level research in such fields as anthropology, comparative literature, cultural studies, economics, education, ethnic studies, English, cinema & digital media studies, history, languages & literatures, performance studies, philosophy, political science, and sociology will also benefit from a strong Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies background in feminist theory, social analysis, history and a sound understanding of cultural representation and narratives of difference.

Increasingly, media & cultural institutions, corporations, and personnel firms seek to hire specialists in Gender, Sexuality, & Women Studies who are trained in institutional practices that support inclusive practices in recruitment & hiring and that foster diverse workplace environments. State & federal agencies need people who have special understanding of the workplace challenges faced by women, and by all groups who are under-represented in specific industries and professions. Educational institutions and non-profit organizations across the spectrum need specialists to develop and administer gender, sexuality & women's studies programs, multi-cultural community centers, LGBTQ organizations and other organizations designed specifically to deal with gender, social diversity and inequality, and a growing range of old and new social challenges arising in the context of globalization.

Some of our alumni have developed careers other than those described above. Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies faculty and peer advisors can provide even more ideas about possible future careers. Doing internships related to coursework enables students to integrate theory with hands-on practice and service in the community.

Graduate Study

The Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies Department offers a designated emphasis in Feminist Theory & Research for students enrolled in the Ph.D. programs of fifteen other affiliated departments. For more information, see Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory & Research (https://gsws.ucdavis.edu/designated-emphasis/).

Major Advisor

Advising (https://gsws.ucdavis.edu/advising/) is located in 1200 Hart Hall; gsw-advising@ucdavis.edu; 530-752-6429.

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GSW 099 Special Study for Undergraduates
WMS 025 Gender & Global Cinema

Choose one:

AAS 010 African-American Culture & Society
AAS 017 Women in African Societies
AMS 021 Objects & Everyday Life
AMS 030 Images of America & Americans in Popular Culture
ANT 002 Cultural Anthropology
ANT 020 Comparative Cultures
ANT 030 Sexualities
ASA 001 Historical Experience of Asian Americans
ASA 002 Contemporary Issues of Asian Americans
CHI 010 Introduction to Chicana/o Studies
CHI 021S Chicana/o & Latina/o Health Care Issues
CHI 050 Chicana & Chicano Culture
COM 012 Introduction to Women Writers
DRA 001 Theatre, Performance & Culture
ENL 003 Introduction to Literature
HIS 072A Women & Gender in America, to 1865
HIS 072B Women & Gender in America, 1865-Present
HIS 085 Nature, Man, & the Machine in America
NAS 010 Native American Experience
NAS 032 Native American Music & Dance
PSC 001 General Psychology
PSC 001Y General Psychology
STS 001 Introduction to Science, Technology & Medicine Studies
STS/HIS 002 Introduction to the History of Science & Technology
STS/HIS 002Y Introduction to the History of Science & Technology
STS/ANT 032 Drugs, Science & Culture
SOC 002 Self & Society
SOC 003 Social Problems
SOC 011 Sociology of Labor & Employment
WMS 020 Cultural Representations of Gender
WMS 080 (Discontinued)
or GSW 080 Special Topics in Critical Gender Studies

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal 20

Depth Subject Matter

Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

GSW 103 Introduction to Feminist Theory
WMS 104 Feminist Research
WMS 137 Contemporary Debates in Western Feminist Theory
WMS 170 Queer Studies
WMS 190 Senior Seminar (Discontinued)

Thematic Track

In consultation with the Faculty Advisor & Major Advisor, choose four upper division Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies courses (WMS) and two elective courses that can be taken outside of the department (see options below) addressing a specific theme or topic; courses used to meet this requirement may not duplicate those used to meet other GSW Requirements.

Choose two:

AAS 107A African Descent Communities & Culture in the Caribbean & Latin America
AAS 107C African Descent Communities & Culture in Asia
AAS 123 Black Female Experience in Contemporary Society
AAS 133 The Black Family In Contemporary Society
AAS 181 Hip Hop in Urban America
ANT 126B Women & Development
ANT 128B Self, Identity, & Family
ANT 130A Cultural Dimensions of Globalization
ANT 139AN Race, Class, Gender Systems
ANT 139BN Gender & Sexuality
ASA 112 Asian American Women
ASA 150 Filipino American Experience
CHI 100 Chicana/o Theoretical Perspective
CHI 111 Chicanas/Mexicanas in Contemporary Society
CHI 112 Globalization, Transnational Migration, & Chicana/o & Latina/o Communities
CHI 120 Chicana/o Psychology
CHI 122 Psychology Perspectives Chicana/o & Latina/o Family
CHI 130 United States-Mexican Border Relations
CHI 131 Chicanas in Politics & Public Policy
CHI 131S Chicanas in Politics & Public Policy
CHI 150 The Chicana & Chicano Movement
CHI 154 The Chicana/o Novel
CHI 160 Mexican Film & Greater Mexican Identity
CHI 170 Contemporary Issues in Chicano Art
CHI/ART 171 Mexican & Chicano Mural Workshop
CHI 182 Race & Juvenile Justice
COM 135 Women Writers
COM 138/ITA 141 Gender & Interpretation in the Renaissance
COM 159 Women in Literature
DES 143 History of Fashion
ENL 155B 19th-Century British Novel
ENL 166 Love & Desire in Contemporary American Poetry
ENL 185A Literature by Women Before 1800
ENL 185B Literature by Women from 1800-1900
ENL 186 Literature, Sexuality, & Gender
FMS 120 Italian-American Cinema
FRE 124 Post-Colonial & Francophone Literature
GER 114 From Marlene Dietrich to Run, Lola Run: German Women & Film
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