

Gender and Women's Studies

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

The undergraduate program in Gender and Women's Studies (GWS) is designed to introduce students to the intersectional analysis of gender, women, and sexuality, focusing on gender and sexuality as categories of analysis and on the workings of power in social and historical life. The department offers an introduction to feminist theory as well as more advanced courses that seek to expand capacities for critical reflection and analysis and to engage students with varied approaches to feminist research. The curriculum draws students into interdisciplinary and intersectional analysis of specific gender practices through investigating areas such as feminism in a transnational world, the politics of representation, feminist science studies, gender and work, gender and health, and queer visual culture. Students learn to apply methods derived from the social sciences, the humanities, and other interdisciplinary germane to the study of gender. They explore a growing body of feminist and queer theory that revises our understanding of gender, sexuality, society, and culture.

Our students have a unique opportunity to interact with an amazing cadre of GWS faculty (<http://dev-department-of-gender-womens-studies.pantheon.berkeley.edu/about/department-faculty/>). The program allows our students to pursue a broad array of careers and interests after graduation. Gender and Women's Studies students get significant personalized attention. The department is known for its investment in the well-being of its students, and its smaller size produces a supportive community among students, faculty, and staff.

Declaring the Major

To declare the Gender and Women's Studies major, the student must have completed GWS 10 and have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0. To complete the major, students must complete **two** of the three gateway courses (GWS 10, GWS 14, LGBT 20AC). For details on how to declare the major, please see the department's website (<http://womensstudies.berkeley.edu/undergraduate-programs/gws-major/>).

Honors Program

To be eligible for the GWS Honors Program (GWS H195A and GWS H195B), students must have an overall 3.3 GPA, and a 3.5 GPA in the major. In addition, eligible students must write a brief proposal, to be approved by the faculty teaching GWS 101, and have a GWS faculty member or affiliate agree to chair the honors thesis by the beginning of the fall term of their senior year. **GWS H195 cannot be used as an elective in the major.**

To receive honors in GWS, students must have a 3.6 for honors, a 3.8 for high honors, or a 3.9 for highest honors. In addition, the student must receive a minimum of an A- in both GWS H195A and GWS H195B.

For details on how to declare the major click here (<https://gws.berkeley.edu/undergraduate-programs/gws-major/>).

Minor Program

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers a minor in Gender and Women's Studies. Students must declare the Minor the semester before their Expected Graduation. When you are ready to

declare your minor contact your GWS Undergraduate Major Advisor. After fulfilling all course requirements, students must complete a Completion of L&S Minor form (https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/minor_form_2023.pdf) and get it signed by the GWS Undergraduate Adviser in 608C Social Sciences Building. Once you have the form signed you will submit it to the L&S Office of Undergraduate Advising in 156 Dwinelle Hall.

Other Minor Offered by the Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (<https://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-studies/>) (Minor)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit, other than courses listed which are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Lower Division Prerequisites

Required:

GWS 10	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	4
Choose one of the following:		
GWS 14	Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues	4
LGBT 20AC	Sexual Politics and Queer Organizing in the US	4

Upper Division Requirements

Major Core Requirements

GWS 101	Doing Feminist Research	4
GWS 102	Transnational Feminism	4
GWS 104	Feminist Theory	4
GWS 195	Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar	4
GWS H195	Gender and Women's Studies Senior Honors Thesis	4

Electives

Select four electives:	15-20
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Three electives must be chosen from GWS/LGBT course offerings.

The other elective may be fulfilled by courses offered in other departments, on the topics of gender, women, or sexuality.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

To declare the minor in Gender and Women's Studies students must complete the GWS Minor Worksheet (<http://womensstudies.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/GWS-Minor-Checklist.pdf>) to register the minor with the department once they have decided to minor in the program.

After completion of the minor requirements, students must submit a Completion of L&S Minor form (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/tools/forms-and-petitions-ls-undergraduate-advising/>) to the department's undergraduate adviser the semester the student plans to graduate. Please see the undergraduate adviser for advising while pursuing the minor program. All courses to satisfy the minor must be taken in the Gender and Women's Studies Department. Students must declare the Minor the semester before they intend to graduate.

Lower Division Prerequisites (Choose One)

GWS 10	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	4
GWS 14	Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues	4

Upper Division Requirements

Minors in Gender and Women's Studies must complete one upper division course from the following core courses:

GWS 101	Doing Feminist Research [4]	
GWS 102	Transnational Feminism [4]	

In addition, four upper division elective courses in GWS or LGBT are required

Undergraduate students must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For a detailed lists of L&S requirements, please see Overview tab to the right in this guide or visit the L&S Degree Requirements (<https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/degree-requirements/>) webpage. For College advising appointments, please visit the L&S Advising (<https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/home/>) Pages.

University of California Requirements

Entry Level Writing

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley and must be taken for a letter grade.

American History and American Institutions

The American History and American Institutions requirements are based on the principle that all U.S. residents who have graduated from an American university should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

Berkeley Campus Requirement

American Cultures

All undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass this campus requirement course in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses are plentiful and offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

College of Letters & Science Essential Skills Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer/data science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course taken for a letter grade.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work taken for a letter grade.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College of Letters and Science requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete parts A & B reading and composition courses in sequential order by the end of their fourth semester for a letter grade.

College of Letters & Science 7 Course Breadth Requirements

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes at Cal for four years, or two years for transfer students. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you graduate early, go abroad for a semester or year, or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an L&S College adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your B.A. degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), Berkeley Summer Abroad, or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding UCEAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Learning Goals for the Major

Knowledge About the Field

1. Intersectionality: Analyze gender as it intersects with other relations of power such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, nationality, religion, geography, ability, and age; distinguish universalist understandings of gender, women, and sexuality from multi-dimensional analyses that recognize interconnectivity and mutual constitution of categories.
2. Gender issues: Recognize the social, political, economic, national, and cultural dimensions of gender as these relate to disparities in power and privilege. Become familiar with a range of past and present major issues pertaining to gender, such as race and citizenship, reproductive and sexual politics, media representation, understandings of masculinities and femininities, racialization of gender and sexuality, women's enfranchisement, gender and violence, identity politics, immigration, sex discrimination, changing families, gender and environment, labor, language, health disparities, gender and science, histories of colonialism, nation-state formations.
3. Feminisms, Feminist Theories and Feminist Research: Describe and distinguish a broad range of feminist theories and practices in their specific cultural and historical contexts both nationally and internationally; identify the contributions and limits of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary feminist research and scholarship.
4. Historicization and contextualization: Articulate differences in sociopolitical contexts that inform opinions, theories, identities, subcultures and politics pertaining to gender and sexuality. Discuss issues of gender and sexuality in the context of their specific histories, knowledge frames, and politics. Work flexibly with a variety of epistemological approaches, recognizing each as culturally specific and inherently limited.

Ways of Communicating

1. Visual Media and New Technologies: Evaluate, interpret, and generate information from a variety of sources, including print and electronic media, film and video, and internet technologies.
2. Written and Verbal Communication: Express ideas effectively, both verbally and in written form, tailoring arguments and presentation styles to audience and context.

Critical Practice

1. Creativity: Bring together a variety of texts, ideas, theoretical, political, empirical, aesthetic, and rhetorical approaches in order to respond imaginatively to social, political, and intellectual issues.
2. Collaboration: Work collectively, take initiative, offer and receive constructive criticism, exchange ideas and creatively work together toward a common endeavor.
3. Engaged Practices: Engage in a variety of feminist approaches, linking theory with practice. Learn how to be an effective advocate informed by transnational, political, sociocultural, and philosophical contexts.
4. Knowledge production: Understand that social, cultural, and scientific knowledges are rarely pre-given, but produced. Demonstrate ways in which various cultural practices, including cultural traditions, academic practices, and information genres participate in and shape specific productions of knowledge, considering roles played by aesthetic forms, scientific journals, popular fiction, news media, the internet, and practices of citation.

5. Ethics: Articulate ethical positions of scholarly and activist theories of gender; that is, consider what approaches inform value judgments on specific gendered or feminist practices. Understand other ethical research concerns such as human subjects and plagiarism.
6. Critical self-awareness: Demonstrate self-reflexivity about one's ideas and social and political positions.

Skills

Critical Thinking

1. Critical analysis: Identify and evaluate arguments, rhetorical styles, synthesize ideas, and develop well-substantiated, coherent, and concise arguments.
2. Logical reasoning: Identify and follow a logical sequence or argument through to its end; recognize faulty reasoning or premature closure.
3. Abstract thinking: Generalize for a specific purpose and/or in a way that clarifies and heightens understanding of major issues at stake; identify the essential or most relevant elements of a concept, event, object, text, etc.
4. Argumentation: Marshal appropriate and relevant evidence in order to develop a clear claim or stance using specific rhetorical approaches.

Doing Research

1. Problem solving: Identify important historical and contemporary issues relating to gender and women's studies, evaluate various responses to them, and adapt the knowledge gained through this process to everyday situations.
2. Research Skills: Produce or locate resources and learn to build a research agenda. Read broadly in order to develop well-focused projects, using primary and secondary sources. Delineate key points in scholarly articles and respond to them. Use different modes of research, including empirical methods, scholarly literature, and theoretical and artistic engagement. Develop advanced library skills tailored to specific research projects, including facility with electronic databases, bibliographic reference materials, archival documents, and image and sound repositories.
3. Interdisciplinarity: Draw from multiple fields of study or define new fields; grasp means and significance of expanding, crossing, transgressing, or bridging disciplinary boundaries.

Major maps are experience maps that help undergraduates plan their Berkeley journey based on intended major or field of interest. Featuring student opportunities and resources from your college and department as well as across campus, each map includes curated suggestions for planning your studies, engaging outside the classroom, and pursuing your career goals in a timeline format.

Use the major map below to explore potential paths and design your own unique undergraduate experience:

View the Gender and Women's Studies Major Map. (<https://discovery.berkeley.edu/getting-started/major-maps/gender-womens-studies/>)

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies Undergraduate Advising office provides students with support and assistance to help guide them through the academic bureaucracy and ensure that they have a successful undergraduate experience at Berkeley:

- Counseling regarding their education and GWS courses
- Declaring the major

- Assessing their progress in the major
- Administrative concerns (i.e., course enrollment, add/drops, L&S policy)
- Graduation
- Major information, courses, independent studies, Honors Program, GWS student group
- Graduate programs and career information and referrals

The department strives to and is committed to providing a safe, inclusive environment for students. Students are welcome, feel supported, respected, and valued, and receive the ultimate advising experience to ensure academic advancement through the program.

The Undergraduate Advisor's Office (UA) is located in 608C Social Sciences Building. You can contact Eric Cheatham, Undergraduate Major Advisor at eric_cheatham@berkeley.edu (eric.stanley@berkeley.edu) for further assistance regarding the major and minor programs.

GWS Honors Program

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Honors Thesis Prize

The department Honors Thesis Prize is given to the student who has demonstrated excellence in research and writing of the honors thesis. The instructor of the honors thesis class will recommend the student to the faculty committee.

Departmental Citation

The Departmental Citation is an award recognizing undergraduate excellence in the UC Berkeley Gender and Women's Studies Department. Each year the department selects one graduating senior to receive this award for his/her outstanding accomplishments in GWS. A faculty committee reviews the materials of students who meet the following criteria:

1. Officially graduating in spring or summer of the current year, or who have finished their degree in summer or fall of the prior year and haven't previously applied.
2. Students are awarded the citation on the basis of scholarship with the criteria of an overall 3.5 GPA or higher and a 3.8 major GPA. The GPA includes the prerequisite courses taken for the major. All seniors can qualify to be considered for the Departmental Citation. When determining their selection, the faculty committee takes into consideration the overall GWS record and activities of qualified students, but it also focuses particular attention on the student's GWS research or project.

Excellence in Action Award

The department's Excellence in Action Award is given to the student who has demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to community service. The faculty and staff will make recommendations to the faculty

committee and the committee will review and select the student from the recommended candidates.

David Getman Memorial Award in LGBT Studies

The Getman Award is awarded to the student who achieves the highest academic excellence in the LGBT Minor. Prospective recipients will be identified, screened, and selected by a committee of faculty in Gender and Women's Studies appointed by the Chair.

David Getman Memorial Award in Global Women's Issues

The Getman Award in Global Women's Issues is awarded to a student who demonstrates a concrete commitment to the advancement of women's rights and issues worldwide. Prospective recipients will be identified, screened, and selected by a committee of faculty in Gender and Women's Studies appointed by the Chair.

Research Funding for Majors

Majors can apply for funding to help support the costs of GWS-related research or of presenting a GWS-related paper at a conference. Individual awards can be up to \$250 for domestic travel or \$300-\$500 for international travel. Funding levels for other costs (e.g., copying, small payments for interview subjects, etc.) will depend on the budget presented, but will generally range between \$50 and \$200. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the year's funds are exhausted. Each major can receive funding up to two times over the course of their undergraduate career, although priority will be given to applicants who have not yet received funding. Recipients will be asked to write a very brief report summarizing how they used the funding. To apply, download the application from our website and email the completed form to the student services adviser. (<http://womensstudies.berkeley.edu/contact/>)

Center for Race and Gender Undergraduate Student Grants Program

The Center for Race and Gender (<http://crg.berkeley.edu/content/undergraduate-grants-program/>) (CRG) at the University of California Berkeley, announces the availability of grants of \$100 to \$1,000 to fund undergraduates for research or creative projects that address issues of race and gender. Topics should be consonant with CRG's mandate to support critical student research on race, gender, and their intersections in a wide variety of social, cultural, and institutional contexts, especially on the Berkeley campus and its neighboring communities, but also in California, the nation, or the world.

Study Abroad

Gender and Women's Studies supports students interested in studying abroad, both through the Berkeley Study Abroad Program (<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/>) or through a non-BSAP program. The department will work with students to ensure they have a productive and expansive experience, whether they are interested in taking courses for the major, in completing general education requirements, or in living/studying in another country and immersing themselves into that culture.

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP)

UC Berkeley is well known for its dynamic research environment. As an undergraduate student there are many ways to participate in research

on campus. One such program is URAP, which provides opportunities for students to work with faculty on cutting-edge research. By working closely with faculty, students can cultivate professional relationships, enhance their research skills, and deepen their knowledge and skills in areas of special interest. Applications are online. For a complete listing and description of research projects, visit the URAP website (<http://research.berkeley.edu/urap/>).

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship/L&S

This program (SURF/L&S) allows UC Berkeley undergraduates in the College of Letters & Science to spend the summer doing concentrated research in preparation for a senior thesis. Application deadline generally is in the spring. See surf.berkeley.edu (<http://surf.berkeley.edu/>) for more information.

Haas Scholars Program

The Robert & Colleen Haas Scholars Program funds financial aid eligible, academically talented undergraduates to engage in a sustained research, field study, or creative project in the summer before and during their senior year at UC Berkeley. Each year, twenty Haas Scholars are selected from all disciplines and departments across the University on the basis of the merit and originality of their project proposals. For more information, call 510-643-5374, consult the website (<http://hsp.berkeley.edu/>), or visit the program office in 5 Durant Hall.

Ronald McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program prepares selected UC Berkeley undergraduates for graduate study at the doctoral level. Twenty to thirty McNair Scholars are selected each year to participate in both academic and summer activities. The McNair Scholars Program aims to increase the number of students in underrepresented doctoral programs. For further information, please see the program's website (<http://mcnairscholars.com/>).

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program at Berkeley

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) program at UC Berkeley targets students with exceptional academic promise and potential for careers that will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in the academy. The program supports fellows by providing guidance, role models and the environment and resources to strive for the highest academic goals. Fellows will realize their greatest potential as graduate students to later become extraordinarily successful faculty members and emerge as role models for future generations. For further information, please see the program's website (<http://mellonmays.berkeley.edu/>).

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Gender and Women's Studies

GWS N1B Reading and Composition 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2008 8 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session, Summer 2006 10 Week Session

Training and instruction in expository writing in conjunction with reading literature. The readings and assignments will focus on themes and issues in women's studies.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies N1B

GWS R1B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

Training and instruction in expository writing in conjunction with reading literature. The readings and assignments will focus on themes and issues in gender and women's studies. This course satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 10 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Introduction to questions and concepts in gender and women's studies. Critical study of the formation of gender and its intersections with other relations of power, such as sexuality, racialization, class, religion, and age. Questions will be addressed within the context of a transnational world. Emphasis of the course will change depending on the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5-10 hours of lecture and 2-2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 4-5 hours of lecture and 2-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 14 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

The production of gender, sexuality, and processes of racialization in contemporary global political issues. Topics and geographical foci may vary. Examples: the post-9-11 situation in the U.S. and U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; Hindu-Muslim conflict in India; the wars in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; the Israel/Palestine situation; global right-wing movements; state and social movement terrorisms and transnational "security" measures.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 14

GWS 20 Introduction to Feminist Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Why study theory? How, and from where, does the desire to theorize gender emerge? What does theory do? What forms does theory take? What is the relationship between theory and social movements? This course will introduce students to one of the most exciting and dynamic areas of contemporary inquiry.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 24 Freshman Seminars 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

The Freshman and Sophomore Seminars program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to fifteen freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

10 weeks - 1.5 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 24

GWS 39A Freshman Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 39

GWS 40 Special Topics 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2016, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

The findings of feminist scholarship as they apply to a particular problem, field, or existing discipline. Designed primarily for lower division students and non-majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the Women's Studies announcement of courses for specific semester topics.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 50AC Gender in American Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2024
A multi-disciplinary course designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic gender in American culture.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for GWS 50AC after completing WOMENST 50AC, WOMENST 50, GWS 50, or XGWS 50AC. A deficient grade in GWS 50AC may be removed by taking XGWS 50AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 50AC

GWS 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021
Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 84

GWS 97 Internship 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Internship Program: Field work in an organization concerned with women's issues plus individual conferences with faculty. Students must present a written scope of work to the supervising faculty members before enrolling. Credit earned depends on the amount of written work completed by students that interprets the experience through diaries, historical reports, and creative work done for the organization. Faculty supervisor and student must agree on assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week
8 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week
10 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

GWS 98 Directed Group Study for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Seminars for the group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 98

GWS 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Individual research by lower division students only.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Freshmen or sophomores only

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

GWS 100AC Women in American Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic women in American culture.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 101 Doing Feminist Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

In this course, students will learn to do feminist research using techniques from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The teaching of interdisciplinary research skills will focus on practices of gender in a particular domain such as labor, love, science, aesthetics, film, religion, politics, or kinship. Topics will vary depending on the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 101

GWS 102 Transnational Feminism 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An overview of transnational feminist theories and practices, which address the workings of power that shape our world, and women's practices of resistance within and beyond the U.S. The course engages with genealogies of transnational feminist theories, including analyses of women, gender, sexuality, "race," racism, ethnicity, class, nation; postcoloniality; international relations; post-"development"; globalization; area studies; and cultural studies.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 102

GWS 103 Identities Across Difference 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015

The course studies identity as a product of articulation and investigation of self and other, rather than an inherited marking. Emphasis, for example, may be placed on the complexities of the lived experiences of women of color in the United States and in diverse parts of the world.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 103

GWS 104 Feminist Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Feminist theory examines the basic categories that structure social life and that condition dominant modes of thought. Feminist theory engages with many currents of thought such as liberalism, Marxism, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, and transnational feminist theory. In this course, students will gain a working knowledge of the range and uses of feminist theory.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 104

GWS 111 Special Topics 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work closely with Gender and Women's Studies faculty, investigating a topic of mutual interest in great depth. Emphasis in on student discussion and collaboration. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Number of units will vary depending on specific course, format, and requirements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 111

GWS 112 Reproductive Justice 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025

This course will situate the politics of restricting abortion rights in the US within larger issues of politics, economy, society, and culture. The syllabus is constructed to interrogate how and why reproduction became a politicized issue. What the Reproductive Justice Movement is and how it is connected with a range of other social movements. How the history of slavery, settler colonialism, racism, eugenics, and pronatalism have influenced the fights over control of fertility in the US and what people are doing in other parts of the world to claim and protect reproductive autonomy.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Think through the ethical implications of a range of reproduction policies and practices; Become familiar with the basic outlines of political and social struggles around reproduction in the US over the past two centuries; Situate reproduction in larger political, cultural, and social systems; Situate the US present moment in the global context; Analyze reproductive liberty and justice using feminist theoretical approaches

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Nelson

GWS 115 Engaged Scholarship in Women and Gender 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2011, Spring 2010

This class provides students the opportunity to do supervised community service with an organization that relates to women and gender. Students will be placed in an organization and complete an internship throughout the course of the semester. Students will also spend time reflecting on their internship experiences, connecting their service with concepts learned in gender and women's studies classes, and meeting as a group to evaluate and assess issues such as volunteer/unpaid labor, activism and the academy, and the political economy of gender and women's services.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 3 hours of internship per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 116AC Queer Theories: Activist Practices 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011

This class will examine various forms of activist practices and create possibilities for students to participate in community projects that allow them to explore their own definitions of activism, community engagement, and social transformation. As a class, we will consider different types of interventions -- art, law, advocacy, and direct action -- and examine the limits and possibilities of these different forms of social engagement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of internship per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 120 The History of American Women 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2011, Fall 2009

This course will survey the history of women in the United States from approximately 1890 to the present, a century of dramatic and fundamental change in the meaning of gender difference. We will examine such topics as work, the family, sexuality, and politics and be attentive to variations in the structure and experience of gender based on race, ethnicity, and class.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 120

GWS 125 Women and Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

This course explores the role of women both in front of and behind the camera. It examines the socially constructed nature of gender representations in film and analyzes the position of women as related to the production and reception of films. Emphasis is on feminist approaches that challenge and expose the underlying working of patriarchy in cinema.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 125

GWS 126 Film, Feminism, and the Avant-Garde 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2018

Focusing on the creative process while engaging in critical debates on politics, ethics, and aesthetics, the course explores the site where feminist film-making practice meets with and challenges the avant-garde tradition. It emphasizes works that question conventional notions of subjectivity, audience, and interpretation in relation to film making, film viewing, and the cinematic apparatus.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 126

GWS 129 Bodies and Boundaries 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Examines gender and embodiment in interdisciplinary transnational perspective. The human body as both a source of pleasure and as a site of coercion, which expresses individuality and reflects social worlds. Looks at bodies as gendered, raced, disabled/able-bodied, young or old, rich or poor, fat or thin, commodity or inalienable. Considers masculinity, women's bodies, sexuality, sports, clothing, bodies constrained, in leisure, at work, in nation-building, at war, and as feminist theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 129

GWS 130AC Gender, Race, Nation, and Health 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Fall 2024

Examines the role of gender in health care status, in definitions and experiences of health, and in practices of medicine. Feminist perspectives on health care disparities, the medicalization of society, and transnational processes relating to health. Gender will be considered in dynamic interaction with race, ethnicity, sexuality, immigration status, religion, nation, age, and disability, and in both urban and rural settings.

Rules & Requirements

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 130

GWS 131 Gender and Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2017, Spring 2014

Examines historical and contemporary scientific studies of gender, sexuality, class, nation, and race from late 18th century racial and gender classifications through the heyday of eugenics to today's genomics.

Explores the embedding of the scientific study of gender and sexuality and race in different political, economic, and social contexts. Considers different theories for the historical underrepresentation of women and minorities in science, as well as potential solutions. Introduces students to feminist science studies, and discusses technologies of production, reproduction, and destruction that draw on as well as remake gender locally and globally.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 132AC Gender, Race, and Law 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2015

Focusing on the interconnected ways that race, gender, and sexuality are constructed through the law, this course will examine a wide range of historical texts, legal documents, literature, and critical theory. Throughout our course readings, we will be focusing on how these categories of difference inform legal constructions of nation, citizenship, immigration, masculinity, femininity, childhood, the public sphere, and everyday life. Throughout the course, we will be making connections between historical events and the contemporary moment through a consideration of interpretation and implications of legal arguments.

Rules & Requirements

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 1 time.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 133AC Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2022, Fall 2019

Explores various ways that human groups and interests, particularly in the United States, have both attached and divorced themselves from other animals, with particular focus on gender, race, ability, and sexuality as the definitional foils for human engagements with animality.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 134 Gender and the Politics of Childhood 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Explores gender and age as interrelated dimensions of social structure, meaning, identity, and embodiment. Emphasis on the gendered politics of childhood--for example, in the social regulation of reproduction; child-rearing, motherhood, fatherhood, care, and rights; the changing global political economy of childhoods and varied constructions of "the child"; child laborers, soldiers, street children; consumption by and for children; growing up in schools, neighborhoods, and families.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 134

GWS C138 Gender and Capitalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020

The 21st century has seen powerful critiques of both growing economic inequality and the troubling persistence of domination based on gender, race and other categorical differences. Gender has a distinctive role here for many reasons: the centrality of gender to social reproduction; the historical coproduction of male domination and capitalism; and the way gender operates in the constitution of selves. Insofar as capitalism is organized and distributes power and profits through gendered structures, and gendered meanings and identities are shaped by their emergence within capitalist logics, it behooves us to think gender and capitalism in tandem. Figuring out how to do that, and sorting out the consequences, is our project in this class.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: POLECON C138

GWS 139 Why Work? Gender and Labor Under Capitalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2021

This course uses gender as a lens to examine the nature, meaning, and organization of work. Students learn varied conceptual approaches with which to probe such issues as gender and race divisions of labor, the economic significance of caring and other forms of unpaid labor, earnings disparities between men and women, race and class differences in women's work, transnational labor immigration, and worker resistance and organizing.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

GWS 140 Feminist Cultural Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of feminist cultural studies. Drawing upon contemporary theories of representational politics, the specific focus of the course will vary, but the emphasis will remain on the intersections of gender, race, nation, sexuality, and class in particular cultural and critical practices.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 140

GWS 141 Interrogating Global Economic "Development" 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2009

An introduction to women and gender in "development." Addresses theories of "development" (modernization, demographic transition, dependency, world systems, post-development, postcolonial, and transnational feminist); productions and representations of "underdevelopment"; national and international "development" apparatuses; "development" practices about labor, population, resources, environment, literacy, technologies, media; and women's resistance and alternatives.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 141

GWS 142 Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2017

Examines differences and similarities in women's lives in the Muslim/Arab worlds, including diasporas in Europe and North America. Analysis of issues of gender in relation to "race," ethnicity, nation, religion, and culture.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 143 Women, Poverty, and Globalization 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009

This course examines new patterns of inequality as they relate to the feminization of poverty in a global and transnational context. It will give students the opportunity to enhance their critical knowledge of new forms of globalization and their impact on the least-privileged group of women locally and globally. It also provides an opportunity for students to work with a local or global non-governmental or community organization with a focus on gender and poverty, and to engage in a systematic analysis of the strategies and practices of these organizations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 144 Alternate Sexualities in a Transnational World 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

This course engages with contemporary narrations produced by and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual postcolonial subjects through genres such as autobiography, fiction, academic writing, film, journalism, and poetry. Each semester the focus is geopolitically limited to no more than two countries to allow students to consider the conditions out of which the narrations are produced. Sites and subjects may vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 144

GWS C146A Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2018

Cultural Representations of Sexuality: Queer Literary Culture explores a variety of twentieth-century literary texts (poetry, fiction, drama) produced at key moments in the "queer past." Using sound recordings, visual art, and documentary film to enhance our encounter with literary texts, this course seeks to amplify the aesthetic dimensions of queer politics, sociality, culture and counter-culture, through sound and moving image. Over the course of the semester, students will learn to situate literary and text-based modes of expression and circulation within a broader field of cultural production.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Also listed as: LGBT C146A

GWS C146B Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course examines modern visual cultures that construct ways of seeing diverse sexualities. Considering Western conventions of representation during the modern period, we will investigate film, television, and video. How and when do "normative" and "queer" sexualities become visually defined?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies C146

Also listed as: LGBT C146B

GWS 155 Gender and Transnational Migration 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2011

What economic, social, and cultural forces impel women to migrate and shape their experiences as immigrants? How does gender, together with race/ethnicity and class, affect processes of settlement, community building, and incorporation into labor markets? This course examines gender structures and relations as they are reconfigured and maintained through immigration. It emphasizes the agency of immigrant women as they cope with change and claim their rights as citizens.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 155

GWS C180Y Gender, Sex and Power 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2020

Gender, sex, and power shape and influence our cultural and social world in obvious and in hidden ways. Bay Area artists and activists focus on illuminating, shifting, redefining, and making use of the juncture of gender, sex, and power to bring about new opportunities and new futures. We will first explore the terrain of academic definitions of gender, sex, power and the connections among them, emphasizing how gender/sex/power is interlinked with racism, classism, colonialism, and dis/ablism. Topics addressed will include: labor, migration and belonging; food, shelter, and land; health and health care; sexuality and love; and politics and political action.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: L & S C180Y

GWS 181AC Prison Abolition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2017

This course introduces students to the long history of the prison in the American experience, and does so by engaging ideas, movements, and practices to craft worlds of care and mutuality beyond the harms that the prison produces and legitimates. Taking a broad interdisciplinary approach, the course engages with the full range of "carceral geographies" in which social life is penetrated with the state's power to surveil, arrest, judge, and punish its citizens; as well as the "abolition geographies" that, in Ruth Wilson Gilmore's terms, combine resources, creativity, and commitment to create freedom as a place where all life/lives are precious.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Feldman, Turner Kerrison, Stanley, Hawkins Owen

Also listed as: ETH STD 181AC/SOC WEL 185AC

GWS 194A Unity Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020

This course is designed to provide students with an introductory exploration of issues of sexuality and gender through community-centered praxis, democratic education, and dialogue. In a culturally and socially diverse society, discussion of differences is needed to facilitate understanding and build relationships among people, as well as to bring awareness to and address social inequities. Through this course, students will explore their own and others' narratives in various social and institutional contexts, while learning from each other's perspectives in community. Students will also explore ways of taking action to engage in social justice work and create social change at the interpersonal, community, and institutional levels.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

GWS 194B UNITY THEME PROGRAM SEMINAR 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course is designed to provide students with an introductory exploration of queer theory and its intersections with leadership development. Students will engage in a multifaceted approach of learning through discussions in the academic seminar integrated with contextual education taking place in the community. By integrating knowledge of and experiences with issues affecting queer and trans communities, students will explore the importance of challenging dominant leadership paradigms as they develop their own identities as leaders. Students will also explore ways to turn social justice knowledge and conversation into tangible actions and work to create social change at the interpersonal, community, and institutional levels.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

GWS 195 Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This seminar is required of all seniors majoring in gender and women's studies, with the exception of seniors enrolled in GWS H195. Students will engage in intensive seminar-style study of a topic determined by the faculty leader.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 195

GWS H195 Gender and Women's Studies Senior Honors Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2018

Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 15 upper division units in Gender and Women's Studies; 3.3 GPA in all University work and 3.3 GPA in courses in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies H195

GWS H195A Honor's Thesis A 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This seminar is required of seniors in majoring in gender and women's studies who have qualified for and elected to pursue honors in the major. Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the work. In the first semester, students

will be expected to establish a research plan and undertake original research on a focused topic. In the second semester, students will be expected to complete the writing of the honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: GWS 101 is a prerequisite

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Alternative to final exam.

GWS H195B Honor's Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This seminar is required of seniors in majoring in gender and women's studies who have qualified for and elected to pursue honors in the major. Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the work. In the first semester (GWS H195A), students will be expected to establish a research plan and undertake original research on a focused topic. In the second semester (GWS H195B), students will be expected to complete the writing of the honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: GWS H195A is a prerequisite

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Alternative to final exam.

GWS C196A UCDC Core Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

This course is the UCDC letter-graded core seminar for 4 units that complements the P/NP credited internship course UGIS C196B. Core seminars are designed to enhance the experience of and provide an intellectual framework for the student's internship. UCDC core seminars are taught in sections that cover various tracks such as the Congress, media, bureaucratic organizations and the Executive Branch, international relations, public policy and general un-themed original research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196B (must be taken concurrently)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: HISTART C196A/HISTORY C196A/MEDIAST C196A/
POL SCI C196A/POLECON C196A/SOCIOL C196A/UGIS C196A

GWS C196B UCDC Internship 6.5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

This course provides a credited internship for all students enrolled in the UCDC and Cal in the Capital Programs. It must be taken in conjunction with the required academic core course C196A. C196B requires that students work 3-4 days per week as interns in settings selected to provide them with exposure to and experience in government, public policy, international affairs, media, the arts or other areas or relevance to their major fields of study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196A (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 20 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: HISTART C196B/HISTORY C196B/MEDIAST C196B/
POL SCI C196B/POLECON C196B/SOCIOL C196B/UGIS C196B

GWS C196W Special Field Research 10.5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Students work in selected internship programs approved in advance by the faculty coordinator and for which written contracts have been established between the sponsoring organization and the student. Students will be expected to produce two progress reports for their faculty coordinator during the course of the internship, as well as a final paper for the course consisting of at least 35 pages. Other restrictions apply; see faculty adviser.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 25 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar and 60 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar and 50 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: 196W

Also listed as: HISTART C196W/HISTORY C196W/MEDIAST C196W/
POL SCI C196W/POLECON C196W/SOCIOL C196W/UGIS C196W

GWS 197 Internship 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2017

Internship Program: Field work in an organization concerned with women's issues plus individual conferences with faculty. Students must present a written scope of work to the supervising faculty members before enrolling. Credit earned depends on the amount of written work completed by students that interprets the experience through diaries, historical reports, and creative work done for the organization. Faculty supervisor and student must agree on assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

10 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 197

GWS 198 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 198

GWS 199 Supervised Independent Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Reading and conference with the instructor in a field that does not coincide with that of any regular course and is specific enough to enable students to write an essay based upon their studies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 199

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies LGBT 20AC Sexual Politics and Queer Organizing in the US 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024

An introduction to varied dimensions of alternative sexual identities in the contemporary United States, with a focus ranging from individuals to communities. This course will use historical, sociological, ethnographic, political-scientific, psychological, psychoanalytical, legal, medical, literary, and filmic materials to chart trends and movements from the turn of the century to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 20AC after taking Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies 20AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT 98 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

LGBT 100 Special Topics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2023

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work closely with LGBT faculty, investigating a topic of mutual interest in great depth. Emphasis in on student discussion and collaboration. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Number of units will vary depending on specific course, format, and requirements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT 145 Interpreting the Queer Past: Methods and Problems in the History of Sexuality 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

This course examines interpretive issues in studying the history of sexuality and the formation of sexual identities and communities.

Considering primary documents, secondary literature, and theoretical essays, we investigate specific historiographical concerns and raise questions about historical methodology and practice.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies C145

LGBT 146 Cultural Representations of Sexuality 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2021, Spring 2018

This course will draw upon a wide range of critical theory, film, music, literature, popular culture, ethnography, theater, and visual art to explore the relationship between cultural forms of representation and individual and collective forms of expression. Central questions for mutual consideration will include: Who/what constitutes the subject of queer cultural production? How are queer theories relevant (or irrelevant) to queer cultural and political practices?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT C146A Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2018

Cultural Representations of Sexuality: Queer Literary Culture explores a variety of twentieth-century literary texts (poetry, fiction, drama) produced at key moments in the "queer past." Using sound recordings, visual art, and documentary film to enhance our encounter with literary texts, this course seeks to amplify the aesthetic dimensions of queer politics, sociality, culture and counter-culture, through sound and moving image. Over the course of the semester, students will learn to situate literary and text-based modes of expression and circulation within a broader field of cultural production.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Also listed as: GWS C146A

LGBT C146B Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course examines modern visual cultures that construct ways of seeing diverse sexualities. Considering Western conventions of representation during the modern period, we will investigate film, television, and video. How and when do "normative" and "queer" sexualities become visually defined?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies C146

Also listed as: GWS C146B

LGBT C147B Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2019

An introduction to social theory and ethnographic methodology in the cross-cultural study of sexuality, particularly sexual orientation and gender identity. The course will stress the relationships between culture, international and local political economy, and the representation and experience of what we will provisionally call homosexual and transgendered desires or identities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or Sociology 3

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C147B

LGBT C148 Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2011

Course focuses on the production of sexualities, sexual identification, and gender differentiation across multiple discourses and locations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 126

Also listed as: ETH STD C126

LGBT 198 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/
Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.