



Pitt

Kenneth P. Dietrich
School of Arts and Sciences

Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Major and Minor

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The Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies program at the University of Pittsburgh is committed to promoting feminist and LGBTQIA activism, pedagogy, and scholarship that engage with the larger local, national, and global communities. Program offerings provide opportunities for students to explore the historical development, cultural variations, and changing representations of gender and sexuality as they organize identities, interactions, and institutions and intersect in complex ways with sex, race, class, ethnicity, ability, age, religion, and nation.

The goals of this major are: to educate undergraduate students in the analysis and understanding of gender as a knowledge base and critical lens through which to read critically; to write and conduct research in disciplinary and interdisciplinary contexts; to begin to connect academic work with broader community interests; and to prepare students for graduate school and professional lives. The interdisciplinary nature of this major makes it ideal for students who wish to add breadth and depth to their studies in other disciplines.

Required Courses for the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies major

This major requires 30 credits, distributed as follows.

Core courses

GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies
GSWS 0500 Introduction to Feminist Theory
GSWS 0550 Sex and Sexualities

Two elective courses; choose one from each of the following groups

Group A

GSWS 0200 Sex, Race, and Popular Culture
GSWS 0210 Wired Women
GSWS 0220 Contemporary Issues and Arguments
GSWS 0300 Special Topics in GSWS
GSWS 0350 Global LGBTQ Literature

Group B

AFRCNA 0454 Man/Woman in Literature
ANTH 0768 Human Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ENGCMP 0203 Seminar in Composition: Gender Studies
ENGLIT 0610 Women and Literature
ENGLIT 0630 Sexuality and Representation
FR 0012 French Kiss: Love, Sex, France
GSWS 1140 Study Abroad – Pitt in China, Pitt in London, etc.
GSWS 1900 Internship (junior or senior only)
PSY 0184 Psychology of Gender
SOC 0436 Social Aspects of Sexuality
SOC 0446 Sociology of Gender
Any course officially cross-listed with GSWS

Four upper-level courses; choose two from each group

Group A

GSWS 1140 Special Topics in GSWS
GSWS 1150 Global Feminisms
GSWS 1160 Race, Glass, and Gender
GSWS 1170 Queer Theory
GSWS 1180 Politics of Gender and Food
GSWS 1190 Masculinities
GSWS 1210 Gender and the Digital
GSWS 1235 Language, Gender, and Society
GSWS 1450 Gender and Sustainability
Any 1000-level course officially cross-listed with GSWS

Group B

ADMJ 1242 Gender, Race, Class, and Crime
AFRCNA 1309 Women of Africa and the African Diaspora
ANTH 1738 Gender Perspectives in Anthropology
COMMRC 1148 Rhetoric and Human Rights
COMMRC 1160 Visual Rhetoric
ENGFLM 1703 Gender and Film
ENGLIT 1704 Women and Literature
FR 1085 Women’s Voices in French Literature
HIST 1662 Topics in Women’s History
LEGLST 1315 Sex, Law, and Marriage
MUSIC 1398 Women and Music in Cross-Cultural Perspective
PS 1622 Women and Political Theory
PSY 1110 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality
RELGST 1684 Gender and the Jewish Tradition
SOC 1413 Marriage
SOC 1448 Working Women
Any 1000-level course officially cross-listed with GSWS

Capstone

GSWS 1910 Senior Seminar: Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies

Online/hybrid courses: Students may have no more than three GSWS credits in an online or hybrid format. Students may have three additional credits in an online or hybrid format from another department or program.

Grade requirements: A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in those courses that count toward the major. Students must also have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all GSWS courses. Students may have no more than six credits overlap with another major or certificate.

Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete at least one writing-intensive (W) course with the GSWS subject designation.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Dietrich School department or in a thematic cluster chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Dietrich School minor or a Dietrich School or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

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Checklist for the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies major

Core courses

- ___ GSWS 0100
- ___ GSWS 0500
- ___ GSWS 0550

Two elective courses; choose one from each of the following groups

Group A

- ___ GSWS 0200
- ___ GSWS 0210
- ___ GSWS 0220
- ___ GSWS 0300
- ___ GSWS 0350

Group B

- ___ AFRCNA 0454
- ___ ANTH 0768
- ___ ENGCOMP 0203
- ___ ENGLIT 0610
- ___ ENGLIT 0630
- ___ FR 0012
- ___ GSWS 1140
- ___ GSWS 1900
- ___ PSY 0184
- ___ SOC 0436
- ___ SOC 0446
- ___ Other GSWS cross-listed course

Four upper-level courses; choose two from each group

Group A

- ___ GSWS 1140
- ___ GSWS 1150
- ___ GSWS 1160
- ___ GSWS 1170
- ___ GSWS 1180
- ___ GSWS 1190
- ___ GSWS 1210
- ___ GSWS 1235
- ___ GSWS 1450

Group B

- ___ ADMJ 1242
- ___ AFRCNA 1309
- ___ ANTH 1738
- ___ COMMRC 1148
- ___ COMMRC 1160
- ___ ENGFLM 1703
- ___ ENGLIT 1704
- ___ FR 1085
- ___ HIST 1662
- ___ LEGLST 1315
- ___ MUSIC 1398
- ___ PS 1622
- ___ PSY 1110
- ___ RELGST 1684
- ___ SOC 1413
- ___ SOC 1448
- ___ Other 1000-level GSWS cross-listed course

Capstone

- ___ GSWS 1910

Checklist for the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies minor

Online/hybrid courses: Students may have no more than three GSWS credits in an online or hybrid format. Students may have three additional credits in an online or hybrid format from another department or program.

Core courses

- ___ GSWS 0100
- ___ GSWS 0500
- ___ GSWS 0550

Two elective courses from the following list

- ___ AFRCNA 0454
- ___ ANTH 0768
- ___ COMMRC 1148
- ___ COMMRC 1160
- ___ ENGCOMP 0203
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- ___ GSWS 1140 *
- ___ GSWS 1150
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- ___ GSWS 1235
- ___ GSWS 1450
- ___ GSWS 1910

* This course cannot count toward both the elective and upper-level course requirement.

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation. They should declare their minor as soon as possible with the Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 140 Thackeray Hall.