



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.

Requirements 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, Class, 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 1300 Wanderlust: Sex and Gender in Global Tourism
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 1648 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.

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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 0300
 GSWS 0210 GSWS 0350
 GSWS 0220

Group B

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

Four upper-level courses; choose two from each group

Group A

GSWS 1140 GSWS 1190
 GSWS 1150 GSWS 1210
 GSWS 1160 GSWS 1235
 GSWS 1170 GSWS 1300
 GSWS 1180 GSWS 1450

Group B

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

Capstone

GSWS 1910

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Core courses

GSWS 0100 GSWS 0500 GSWS 0550

Two elective courses from the following list

AFRCNA 0454 GSWS 1140 *
 ANTH 0768 GSWS 1900
 COMMRC 1148 HIST 1662
 COMMRC 1160 MUSIC 1398
 ENGCMP 0203 PS 1622
 ENGFLM 1703 PSY 0184
 ENGLIT 0610 PSY 1110
 ENGLIT 0630 RELGST 1648
 ENGLIT 1704 SOC 0436
 FR 0012 SOC 0446
 FR 1085 SOC 1413
 GSWS 0200 SOC 1448
 GSWS 0220 Other GSWS cross-listed course
 GSWS 0300
 GSWS 0350

One upper-level course from the following list

GSWS 1140 * GSWS 1210
 GSWS 1150 GSWS 1235
 GSWS 1160 GSWS 1300
 GSWS 1170 GSWS 1450
 GSWS 1180 GSWS 1910
 GSWS 1190

* 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.