

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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The Program

The Women's and Gender Studies major is interdisciplinary; it offers students the opportunity to study the status and roles of women as individuals and as members of society and how these statuses and roles are shaped by social, political, and cultural forces. Courses emphasize both commonalities among women and differences according to race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality.

The Women's and Gender Studies major is structured to provide students with both breadth (through the distribution requirement) and depth (through the selection of a focus area). The focus areas are curricular/career paths that allow students to develop expertise in a particular area. The culminating experience provides students the opportunity to integrate the knowledge acquired in their courses and to apply this knowledge to real world problems.

Honors Program in Women's and Gender Studies

Honors work is available to students with a Women's and Gender Studies major. Interested students may consult the chair of Women's and Gender Studies for information, preferably during their sophomore year. See information in the Honors College catalog section.

Other Opportunities for Students

The Department of Women's and Gender Studies provides speakers from the university or off campus, from time to time.

In alternate years, the Department of Women's and Gender Studies awards the Guess Scholarship to a Women's and Gender Studies major for achievement in Women's and Gender Studies courses. Women's and Gender Studies students are also encouraged to take advantage of the Sexual and Gender Diversity Student Development Program (University Union Suite 331), the Women in Science Program, and the Women's Leadership Collective.

Majors

- Major in Women's and Gender Studies
- Accelerated B.S./M.S. in Women's Studies

Minors

- Minor in LGBTQ Studies
- Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Faculty

Professor: Cindy Gissendanner

Associate Professors: Michaela Frischherz (Communication Studies), Emily Parker (Philosophy & Religious Studies), Cecilia Rio (Graduate Program Director), Esther Wangari, Kate Wilkinson (Chairperson)