

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

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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

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 0210
- GSWS 0220
- GSWS 0300
- GSWS 0350

Group B

- AFRONA 0454
- ANTH 0768
- ENGCMP 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 1300
- GSWS 1450

Group B

- ADMJ 1242
- AFRONA 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.36 125.88 93.24 re l