INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR
Gender and sexuality pervade every aspect of our lives. The Gender and Women's Studies undergraduate program introduces students to the intersectional analysis of gender, women, and sexuality, focusing on the workings of power in social and historical life. Students learn to apply methods derived from the social sciences, the humanities, and the interdisciplines 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.

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers a major and minor in Gender and Women's Studies, as well as a minor in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies.

THE MAJOR CURRICULUM
The Gender and Women's Studies 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 program 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.

“Gender and Women’s Studies taught me a way of thinking which expanded my intellectual/cultural/ethical horizons tremendously.”
— Cathie Nelson, GWS major

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR
- Consider completing the GWS Honors Program.
- Join a student organization such as the GWS Undergraduate Student Association.
- Apply to the GWS Student Research Fund or URAP and work with GWS faculty.
- Get involved with campus issues as a Gender Equity Center intern or volunteer.
### Discover your passions
- Attend new interests in a Freshman Seminar like GWS 24 or 39B, L&S, or a student-run DeCal course such as the Gender DeCal.
- Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.
- Get inspired through GWS faculty publications and podcasts.
- Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, like GWS 101.
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