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.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit womensstudies.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can contact the major advisor, Althea Grannum-Cummings to schedule appointments or ask questions by emailing cummings@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours
Monday - Friday, 10am - 12pm

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# GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

## Bachelor of Arts

### Design Your Journey

#### FIRST YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
  - Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements and consult the major FAQs.
  - Enroll in GWS 10 Intro to Gender and Women’s Studies and/or GWS 20 Intro to Feminism Theory.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore campus centers and institutes like the Othering & Belonging Institute or the UC Berkeley Global Innovation Exchange, Center for the Study of Social Change.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course for the study of culture, gender, and power.
  - Check out research opportunities for GWS majors.
  - Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Get involved with campus issues as a Gender Equity Intern or volunteer.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit the Career Center and Career Counselling Library.
  - Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
  - Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.

#### SECOND YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
  - Start thinking about upper division core (GWS 101, 102, 195) and elective courses within the major.
  - Review major guidelines for study abroad.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Join a student organization such as the GWS Undergraduate Student Association.
  - Check out resources from the Gender Equity Resource Center and sign up for their listserv.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course for the study of culture, gender, and power.
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- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Get involved with campus issues as a Gender Equity Intern or volunteer.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.
  - Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
  - Think about doing an internship and attend an Internship Fair.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school options.

#### THIRD YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Focus on completing upper division requirements and electives.
  - Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.
  - Ask the major advisor about the Gender and Women’s Studies Honors program.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Start attending events in the Gender and Women’s Studies department and the Beatrice Bain Research Group.
  - Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race & Gender.
  - Continue a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course for the study of culture, gender, and power.
  - Check out research opportunities for GWS majors.
  - Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapaloosa student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Get involved with campus issues as a Gender Equity Intern or volunteer.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.
  - Attend career and graduate school fairs like the “Nonprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair.”
  - Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.

#### FOURTH YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Earn academic credit related to an internship or independent study.
  - Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Join a professional association such as the National Women’s Studies Association.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race & Gender.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship.
  - Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend a campus center or institute like the Othering & Belonging Institute or the UC Berkeley Global Innovation Exchange.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.
  - Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.
  - Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Majoring in Gender and Women’s Studies is attractive to employers and graduate school admissions, from medical school and law school to NGOs, teaching, and business. Employers like to see students who have taken classes indicating sustained critical thinking and writing, and a commitment to social justice.

#### Jobs and Employers

- Clinical Research Coord., Stanford University
- Counselor, Asian Immigrant Women’s Advocate Fellow, Fulbright Program
- Filmmaker, Independent Films
- Organizer, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Partnership Development Asst., Fair Trade USA
- Policy Analyst, UC Berkeley Researcher, National Taiwan University
- Senior Community Manager, Udacity
- Sex & Gender Equity Analyst, CA Dept of Education

#### Graduate Programs

- African-American/Black Studies, PhD, U.C. Berkeley
- Industrial Psychology, PhD, Rice University
- Film Studies, Masters, UCLA
- Law, JD, UC Berkeley
- Masters of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary
- Medicine, MD, UC Berkeley/UCSF School of Medicine
- Public Health, Masters, Pepperdine Social Work, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.