

GSWS UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Our program is an interdisciplinary academic program focusing on gender, sexuality, and women. GSWS courses and cross-listed courses in various departments across the university provide opportunities for all students to broaden their understandings of the changing role of gender in the United States and globally. Students who want to explore the intersection of gender with race, class, ethnicity, nation, religion, ability, age, sex, and sexuality will find courses of interest, as will students who want to know more about the role of gender and sexuality in history, in literature and the arts, in media and science.

Students who plan careers in medicine, the creative arts, social work, education, counseling, law, therapy, academia, and business (among many others) find that our courses enhance their professional activities. Still others report that the confidence and insight that they acquire in such courses enriches their lives regardless of their particular career.

We offer a 30-credit Bachelor of Arts Degree in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. Transfer courses will be accepted on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of 2 courses. Students may have no more than 6 credits counted towards another certificate, major, or minor. A cumulative QPA of 2.00 is required in courses applying to the major.

Completion requirements:

To declare the Major: See the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Undergraduate Advisor [Frayda Cohen, frcst5@pitt.edu] to complete the UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE ADVISING FORM. This process should take place as soon as possible in a student's undergraduate career but no later than the semester prior to graduation. The form is available from the Advisor.

Advising: All GSWS students must meet with the Undergraduate Advisor on a regular basis to update files and discuss what courses are needed for registration.

Course Requirements (see details below):

- GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- GSWS 0500 Introduction to Feminist Theory
- GSWS 0550 Sex and Sexualities
- 1 GSWS Elective Course (0200 Sex, Race, and Popular Culture, GSWS 0350 Global LGBTQ Lit, etc.)
- 1 Lower-level Elective Course outside of GSWS
- 2 Upper-level Elective Courses outside of GSWS
- 2 Upper-level GSWS Seminars (GSWS 1120-GSWS 1190)
- GSWS 1910 Senior Capstone

DETAILED COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

-THREE GSWS CORE COURSES 9 credits

GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
GSWS 0500 Introduction to Feminist Theory
GSWS 0550 Sex and Sexualities

These 3 courses should be completed early in a student's academic program.

-INTERMEDIATE-LEVEL ELECTIVE COURSES 6 credits

AT LEAST ONE COURSE MUST COME FROM GROUP A:

Group A

GSWS 0200 Sex, Race, and Popular Culture
GSWS 0210 Wired Women
GSWS 0220 Contemporary Issues and Arguments
GSWS 0350 Global LGBTQ Literature

Group B

AFRCNA 0454 Man/Women 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
PSY 0184 Psychology of Gender
SOC 0436 Social Aspects of Sexuality
SOC 0446 Sociology of Gender
GSWS 1140 Study Abroad: Pitt in China, Pitt in London, etc.
GSWS 1900 Internship (Junior/Senior standing)

Any other course officially cross-listed with GSWS will count (check course offerings each semester for other options: www.courses.as.pitt.edu/)

If you have identified a course with a focus on women, gender, or sexuality that is NOT found on this website or officially cross-listed, you may see the GSWS Studies Undergraduate Advisor to petition to have the course counted towards the requirement.

Students may also elect an additional GSWS upper-level course (11XX-11XX).

Either GSWS 1900 (Internship) **Or** GSWS 1901 Independent Study may be used to meet an elective requirement, but in this case, the two other courses must each be in different departments.

GSWS 1900: GSWS Internship. Provides students the opportunity to extend their academic training beyond the classroom. For more information about possible sites, please make an appointment with the GSWS Undergraduate Advisor. A proposal outlining the purpose of the internship and its relevance to GSWS is required. To be eligible for an internship, you must satisfy the following:

1. Must have completed 60 credits and be in good academic standing
2. Must have completed at least 4 courses toward the major
3. Internship must complement one's academic preparation
4. Special permission from the GSWS Undergraduate Advisor required

GSWS 1901: Independent Study. Provides students the opportunity to pursue an area of special interest beyond what is offered in the regular curriculum. A proposal outlining the purpose of the study, the relevance to gender, sexuality, or women's studies, and a plan of study including bibliography and course products (papers, annotated bibliography, film presentation, etc.) must be approved by a professor who agrees to supervise the work. The proposal must be submitted to—and approved by—the GSWS Undergraduate Advisor prior to registering for the course. Students must already have at least 2 courses in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies and 2 courses in a discipline appropriate to the independent study.

-ADVANCED COURSES 12 credits (TWO COURSES FROM EACH GROUP):

GROUP A – Courses outside of GSWS (1000-level or higher):

Following are sample courses currently approved:

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 1684 Gender and the Jewish Tradition
SOC 1413 Marriage
SOC 1448 Working Women

Any other 1000-level course officially cross-listed with GSWS will count (check course offerings each semester for other options: www.courses.as.pitt.edu/)

GROUP B – GSWS seminar courses (excludes Internship and Independent Study):

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 1235 Language, Gender, and Society
GSWS 1450 Gender and Sustainability

-SENIOR SEMINAR (CAPSTONE) 3 credits

1910 Senior Seminar: Gender Sexuality and Women's Studies

An intensive reading and writing seminar open to juniors and seniors pursuing a major in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. This course will create a synthesis of their studies in the field and deepen their skills in GSWS research. Interdisciplinary topics will vary, but the curriculum will emphasize current research. The course will always require that students explore, engage, and deploy feminist theories and methodologies.

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In this course, students will build on a study of methodologies that begins with concrete assignments introduced in the core courses and developed in upper-level courses as students move through the major.

Prerequisites:

1. All three GSWS core courses must be completed prior to the senior seminar
2. Junior/Senior Standing (a minimum of 75 credit hours completed)
3. At least 6 credits in GSWS 1000-level courses (3 credits may be taken concurrently)

DIETRICH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:

-Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete at least one writing-intensive (W) course in the major.

-Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Dietrich School department or in a thematic cluster chosen in consultation with the major advisor. The completion of an official Dietrich School minor or a Dietrich School or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

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