



# 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

GSWS 0200 Sex, Race, and Popular Culture

GSWS 0210 Wired Women

GSWS 0220 Contemporary Issues and Arguments

GSWS 0300 Special Topics in GSWS

GSWS 0350 Global LGBTQ Literature

#### Group B

AFRCNA 0454 Man/Woman in Literature

ANTH 0768 Human Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective

ENGCOMP 0203 Seminar in Composition: Gender Studies

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

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 1000-level course officially cross-listed with GSWS

### 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.

### Advising

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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 0300  
 GSWS 0210                       GSWS 0350  
 GSWS 0220

##### Group B

AFRCNA 0454                       GSWS 1140  
 ANTH 0768                         GSWS 1900  
 ENGCMP 0203                       PSY 0184  
 ENGLIT 0610                         SOC 0436  
 ENGLIT 0630                         SOC 0446  
 FR 0012                               Other GSWS cross-listed course

### Four upper-level courses; choose two from each group

#### Group A

GSWS 1140                               GSWS 1190  
 GSWS 1150                               GSWS 1210  
 GSWS 1160                               GSWS 1235  
 GSWS 1170                               GSWS 1300  
 GSWS 1180                               GSWS 1450

#### Group B

ADMJ 1242                               LEGLST 1315  
 AFRCNA 1309                               MUSIC 1398  
 ANTH 1738                                 PS 1622  
 COMMRC 1148                               PSY 1110  
 COMMRC 1160                               RELGST 1684  
 ENGLIT 1703                                 SOC 1413  
 ENGLIT 1704                                 SOC 1448  
 FR 1085                                     Other 1000-level GSWS cross-listed course  
 HIST 1662

### Capstone

GSWS 1910

### Checklist for the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies minor

#### Core courses

GSWS 0100                       GSWS 0500                       GSWS 0550

#### Two elective courses from the following list

AFRCNA 0454                               GSWS 1140 \*  
 ANTH 0768                                 GSWS 1900  
 COMMRC 1148                               HIST 1662  
 COMMRC 1160                               MUSIC 1398  
 ENGCMP 0203                               PS 1622  
 ENGLIT 1703                                 PSY 0184  
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 ENGLIT 1704                                 SOC 0436  
 FR 0012                                     SOC 0446  
 FR 1085                                     SOC 1413  
 GSWS 0200                                 SOC 1448  
 GSWS 0220                                 Other GSWS cross-listed course  
 GSWS 0300  
 GSWS 0350

#### One upper-level course from the following list

GSWS 1140 \*                               GSWS 1210  
 GSWS 1150                                 GSWS 1235  
 GSWS 1160                                 GSWS 1300  
 GSWS 1170                                 GSWS 1450  
 GSWS 1180                                 GSWS 1910  
 GSWS 1190

\* This course cannot count toward both the elective and upper-level course requirement.

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation. They should declare their minor as soon as possible with the Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, 140 Thackeray Hall.