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WOMEN'S, GENDER AND QUEER STUDIES

The Women's, Gender and Queer Studies (WGQS) Department is an interdisciplinary academic department that promotes a critical understanding of how genders and sexualities shape and are shaped by social, political, ethical, economic, legal and cultural institutions in historical and contemporary contexts. The department's goal is to promote scholarly inquiry and activism that is feminist, anti-racist, anti-classist, and LGBTQIA positive; including the study of identity construction, popular culture and the media, bodies and body projects, ethical and values systems, religions, and science and technology. Students have the opportunity to specialize their course of study in one of two minors offered: women's & gender studies and queer studies.



Minors

Queer Studies and Women's and Gender Studies Minors

The QS and WGS minors provide a thorough, interdisciplinary background in feminist and queer thought and theory. Courses explore the history and evolution of ideas about gender and sexual identity, engaging with these issues on multiple levels of inquiry. Courses and learn-by-doing opportunities in both minors examine how constructions, experiences and expressions of gender and sexuality change over time and are lived in relation to interlocking systems of race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, and disability.

"I'm a senior planning on attending law school after graduation. I want to be a district attorney, specifically for the Victim Impact Program Unit. The WGS minor is extremely helpful for this career, not only because it has made me knowledgeable about the statistical and psychological aspects of sexual assault and domestic violence, but also because it has helped prepare me for how to appropriately support and accommodate victims I interact with."

— Shari Goldman

"As a queer music student, I have struggled to see myself represented in opera and vocal art forms, and I want to learn about the challenges often faced by queer students so I can make my profession a more open and inclusive space for queer students."

—Dylan Benander

Human Services

- Advocacy
- Programming
- Social work
- Case management
- Counseling
- Mental health services

Media, Technology and the Arts

- Journalist/artist/writer/musician/actor
- Graphic designer/advertising
- Editor

Government

- Leadership role
- Elected official
- Policy maker
- Nongovernmental international organizer/worker

Medicine/Health Care

- Public Health planner/advocate
- Hospital liaison

Education

- Teacher/professor
- Curriculum designer
- Administration and support services
- Counseling

Science

- Researcher
- Onsite field specialist
- Biologist/chemist/physicist/naturalist/environmentalist
- Fundraising

Law

- Immigration, civil rights, criminal, international, environmental, property, family
- Mediation
- Lobbying
- Law assistance
- Community activist/advocate

Business

- Negotiator
- Investor/manager
- Client liaison
- Fundraising

Where can these minors take me?

