Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (BA)

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Program Description

This is an interdisciplinary program that takes an intersectional, transnational, feminist approach to the study of women, gender and sexuality. The program investigates how assumptions about gender and sexuality inform social, cultural and political practices that both reproduce and resist hierarchies of power. Courses examine the intersections of gender and sexuality with other significant categories and identities such as race, ethnicity, class, age, religion, ability, nationality, immigrant status and body size. Through a student-centered approach, faculty inspire students to engage with local, national and international communities to effect social justice. Students can earn a major or minor in women, gender and sexuality studies, or a minor in LGBTQ studies.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Describe sex/gender systems in terms of intersecting structural and institutional constraints.
- Explain how feminist theories of gender and sexuality relate to activism and social justice work.
- Synthesize and communicate various approaches to the analysis of data, texts and perspectives concerning LGBTQ lives
- Analyze how assumptions about gender and sexuality inform social, cultural and political practices that both reproduce and resist hierarchies of power.
- Identify women of diverse backgrounds who have shaped their societies in recognized and unrecognized ways, both locally and globally.
- Critically analyze, interpret and integrate interdisciplinary and transnational source materials, and produce original scholarship in women, gender and sexuality studies.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 36 required credit hours
- Within the required 36 hours, 12 hours must be at the 3000level and above
- · 3 international language credit hours
- · Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

Courses completed with a grade below a C- do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major.

No more than 6 credit hours obtained in practica, independent learning experiences, reading courses and assessment of prior learning may be applied toward the 36 credit hours required for a major.

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