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## 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](https://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](mailto:cummings@berkeley.edu).

### Advising Drop-In Hours

Monday - Friday, 10am - 12pm

## 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 [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

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# GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

*Bachelor of Arts*

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## 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**.



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“*Gender and Women's Studies taught me a way of thinking which expanded my intellectual/cultural/ethical horizons tremendously.*”

– Cathie Nelson, GWS major

## 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.

## 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**.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

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	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	
Explore your major	<p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b> and consult the <b>major FAQs</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in GWS 10: Intro to Gender and Women’s Studies and/or GWS 14: Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues.</p>	<p>Complete lower division prerequisites and <b>declare the major</b>.</p> <p>Start thinking about upper division core (GWS 101, 102, 195) and elective courses within the major.</p> <p>Review major guidelines for <b>study abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Focus on completing upper division requirements and electives.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.</p> <p>Ask the major advisor about the Gender and Women’s Studies <b>honors program</b>.</p>	<p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Earn academic credit related to an <b>internship or independent study</b>.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p>	<h3>WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?</h3> <p>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.</p> <h3>Jobs and Employers</h3> <p>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 &amp; Gender Equity Analyst, CA Dept of Education</p> <h3>Graduate Programs</h3> <p>African-American/Black Studies, PhD, UC 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</p> <p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>
Connect and build community	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b> and <b>L&amp;S Mentors Program</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&amp;S.</p> <p>Consider applying to the <b>UNITY</b> or <b>WISE Theme Program</b>.</p>	<p>Join a student organization such as the <b>GWS Undergraduate Student Association</b>.</p> <p>Check out resources from the <b>Gender Equity Resource Center</b> and sign up for their <b>listserv</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p>	<p>Start attending events in the <b>Gender and Women’s Studies department</b> and the <b>Beatrice Bain Research Group</b>.</p> <p>Become a <b>Golden Bear Orientation Leader</b> and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.</p>	<p>Join a professional association such as the <b>National Women’s Studies Association</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> like GWS 24 or 39A, <b>L&amp;S 1</b>, or a student-run <b>DeCal course</b> such as the GenSex DeCal.</p> <p>Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.</p> <p>Get inspired through GWS faculty <b>publications</b> and <b>podcasts</b>.</p>	<p>Continue with a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b> like L&amp;S/GWS C18oY: Gender, Sex and Power.</p> <p>Check out <b>research opportunities</b> for GWS majors.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b>.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>	<p>Explore campus centers and institutes like the <b>Center for Race &amp; Gender, Center for the Study of Sexual Culture, Center for Research on Social Change, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues</b>, and <b>Othering &amp; Belonging Institute</b>.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program, SURF</b>, or Center for Race and Gender <b>Student Grants Program</b>.</p>	<p>Teach your own <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study and submit your work to the <b>Berkeley Undergraduate Journal</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Attend the <b>Calapalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Work with a community organization in an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Get involved with campus issues as a <b>Gender Equity Center intern or volunteer</b>.</p> <p>Consider a <b>Berkeley Global Internship</b> in the United States or abroad.</p>	<p>Experience life at another UC or college on a <b>visitor and exchange program</b>.</p> <p>Study and intern in Washington D.C. with <b>UCDC</b> or <b>Cal in the Capital</b>.</p> <p>Mentor local youth through the <b>YWCA TechGYRLS* Mentoring Group</b> or <b>Women and Youth Supporting Each Other</b>.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program</b>.</p> <p>Interested in a public service career? Apply for the <b>John Gardner Fellowship</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as <b>Peace Corps, Teach for America</b>, or <b>U.S. Department of State</b>.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready.</p> <p>Sign up for <b>Handshake</b> and <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore <b>career fields</b> in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b> or a <b>winter externship</b>.</p>	<p>Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.</p> <p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p>	<p>Update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b> like the “Nonprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair.”</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p>	<p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Meet employers at <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	