

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

<https://www.uvm.edu/cas/genderstudies>

The Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies program (GSWS) offers a unique and wide-ranging way of studying and engaging with the world. Concepts of study include sex, gender, and sexuality; identities such as female, male, gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, and queer; the intersections of these identities with race, class, (dis)ability, and other kinds of differences among people; areas of academic study including women's history, the history of sexuality, trans identities and politics, the sociology of the family, economic inequality, feminist and queer theory, feminist and queer literary studies, sex and politics, and biological approaches to sex and gender. GSWS is both an academic discipline and a meeting place for students and faculty in every discipline who want to explore these critically important issues. The program is scholarly, and it is fully engaged with the world in which we live.

MAJORS

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES MAJOR

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies B.A.

MINORS

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES MINORS

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Sexuality and Gender Identity Studies

Courses

GSWS 1010. FYS Gender Sexuality Wn's Stdy. 3 Credits.

Intensive first-year seminar introducing the field of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies. Topics include key theoretical approaches to conceptualizing gender, sexuality, and power; how gender and sexuality are policed; and the relationship between gender, sexuality, and other social categories. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. Catamount Core: D2, S1, WIL1.

GSWS 1020. Topics In: LASP Seminar. 3 Credits.

Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program. Catamount Core: WIL1.

GSWS 1500. Gender Sexuality Women's Stdy. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the field of gender, sexuality, and women's studies. Topics include key theoretical approaches to conceptualizing gender, sexuality, and power; how gender and sexuality are policed; and the relationship between gender, sexuality, and other social categories. Catamount Core: D2, S1.

GSWS 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GSWS 2050. Gender and Feminism(s). 3 Credits.

Exploration of the politics and history of feminist movements and theories, as well as the ways in which gender has shaped public policies. The emphasis will be primarily, although not exclusively, on gender and feminism(s) in the United States. Prerequisite: GSWS 1010 or GSWS 1500. Catamount Core: D2.

GSWS 2070. LGBT Politics and History. 3 Credits.

Explores the history, strategies, conflicts, and issues surrounding the various movements advancing the claims of LGBT rights, as well as the roles LGBTQ people play as participants in American politics and culture. Prerequisite: GSWS 1500, GSWS 1010, POLS 1300, POLS 1013, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: POLS 2450. Catamount Core: D2.

GSWS 2801. Communicating Masculinities. 3 Credits.

An exploration of how our culture communicates about and defines masculinity, what the effects are for individuals and institutions, and the alternative possibilities for creating new masculinities. Pre/Co-requisites: GSWS 1500.

GSWS 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GSWS 3050. Internship: GSWS Core. 3-6 Credits.

A semester-long on-site internship relevant to GSWS, secured by the student. The internship is combined with a structured academic learning plan delivered via regular class meetings with a faculty member and cohort of other students or independently under the direction of a faculty member. Required for GSWS majors and open to other qualified students. Prerequisite: A contract must be obtained from and returned to the Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies Program office during registration; permission of Director of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies.

GSWS 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GSWS 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: GSWS 1500; permission of Director of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies.

GSWS 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: GSWS 1500; approval of Director of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies.

GSWS 4050. Topics In: GSWS Senior Seminar. 3 Credits.

Advanced discussion-based, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of topics in the field. Representative topics: Feminist Media Studies; Feminist Theory in Historical Perspective; Gender, Sexuality and the Law. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisites: GSWS 1500; six additional hours in GSWS; Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies major or minor, Sexuality & Gender Identity Studies minor.

GSWS 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GSWS 4994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 4996. Honors. 1-6 Credits.

College honors thesis or other department/program honors, under the supervision of a faculty member. Offered at department discretion.