

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Women's and Gender Studies is an academic discipline that critically evaluates gender from an interdisciplinary perspective and challenges many traditional assumptions and theories about women that have excluded them from positions of power. It examines the practice and expression of gender in different societies and at different historical moments; it explores the various origins and articulations of gender differentiation; it traces the influence of gender expectations on individuals and it studies the interactions of gender and other differences in social, political, and cultural contexts. The feminist pedagogy used in Women's and Gender Studies courses empowers all students to become active learners and social change agents through discussion, written work, collaborative projects, and practical involvement beyond the classroom.

Women's and Gender Studies prepares students for careers in non-profit organizations, business, the creative arts, education, government and public policy, journalism, law, medicine, publishing, science, the social sciences, social work, and many other fields.

## Programs

- Women's and Gender Studies, BA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ba/>)
- Women's and Gender Studies, Graduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-graduate-certificate/>)
- Women's and Gender Studies, MA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ma/>)
- Women's and Gender Studies, MA/Library and Information Science, MLIS (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ma-library-information-science-mlis/>)
- Women's and Gender Studies, MA/Social Work, MSW (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ma-social-work-msw/>)
- Women's and Gender Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor/>)

## Faculty

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