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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 students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit 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.

Advising Drop-In Hours
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## GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

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### FIRST YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
  - Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements and consult the major FAQs.
  - Enroll in GWS 10 Intro to Gender and Women’s Studies and/or GWS 14, Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues.
  - Consider applying to the STUDENT LEARNING CENTER.
  - Consider attending the “What Can I Do With My Major?” event.

### SECOND YEAR
- **Connect and build community**
  - Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.
  - Explore study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Consider attending the Networking Series and Career Connections.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar like GWS 24 or GWS 1, or a student-run DeCal course like the Genders DeCal.
  - Get inspired through GWS faculty publications.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

### THIRD YEAR
- **Focus** on completing upper division requirements and electives.
- **Reflect** on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.
- **Develop a plan** for getting career ready.
- **Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major**.
- **Start thinking about upper division core (GWS 101, 102, and 195) and elective courses within the major**.
- **Review major guidelines for study abroad**.
- **Discuss career options and goals with a career advisor**.
- **Attend career and graduate school fairs** like the “Nonprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair.”
- **Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters**.

### FOURTH YEAR
- **Begin** a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- **Join** a student organization such as the GWS Undergraduate Student Association.
- **Hone your leadership skills** with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Scholars Program.
- **Earn** academic credit related to an internship or independent study.
- **Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements**.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- 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, a commitment to social justice.

### Jobs and Employers
- **Clinical Research Coord., Stanford University**
  - Counselor, Asian Immigrant Women’s Advocate Fellow, Fulbright Program
  - Filmmaker, Independent Films
  - Organizer, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Partnership Development Ass’t., Fair Trade USA

### Graduate Programs
- **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**
- **Masters of Divinity, Union Medical, MD, UC Berkeley/UCSF**
- **Masters of Divinity, Union Technology**
- **PhD, UC Berkeley**

### Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.