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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.

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** 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

Monday - Friday, 10am - 12pm

Visit **ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps** for the latest version of this major map.

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GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts



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.

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

Learn about graduate and professional school.

See **Step-by-Step** for planning help.

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

Ask professors and graduate student instructors for

recommendation letters.

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, and a commitment to social

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 Asst., Fair Trade USA Policy Analyst, UC Berkeley Researcher, National Taiwan University Senior Community Manager, Udacity Sex & Gender Equity Analyst, CA Dept of Education

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 Medicine, MD, UC Berkeley/UCSF School of Medicine Public Health, Masters, Pepperdine Social Work, Masters

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

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