The Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality offers a variety of programs including individual courses, undergraduate minors and certificates.

Why study women, gender & sexuality?

There are many benefits!

- Employers value the critical thinking skills, research skills, and in-depth knowledge of diversity issues that you will gain in our courses.
- Our courses emphasize social justice, global awareness and an appreciation for human diversity, which are important to living in today’s global society.
- Students become more self-aware, community-minded, and expand their social circles through our programs.
- Our students have successfully gone on to pursue a wide variety of career paths, including but not limited to:
  - Art Director;
  - Business Director for a non-profit
  - Civil Rights attorney;
  - Communications Director;
  - Director of Training;
  - Entrepreneur;
  - Nurse;
  - Web application designer & developer.

What students say:

- "I recently applied for internships (and) having the LGBT certificate helped me in the process and made me stand out."
- The center is "tremendously valuable to all students as it involves the study of issues that have relevance and resonance to all of us."
- "The certificate gave me a 'leg-up' on (other) job candidates because it demonstrated a dedication to social justice and an ability to work across disciplines."

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LGBT Studies
Required courses: (9 credit hours)
- LGBT 350: LGBT Studies
- WGST 101: Women, Sex & Gender Today*
- LGBT 400: Queer Theory

Plus 9 hours of electives

Women’s & Gender Studies
Required courses: (9 credit hours)
- WGST 101: Women, Sex & Gender Today
  OR
  WGST 201: Gender & Justice in Global Perspectives
  AND/OR
  WGST 202: Women & Cultural Expression
- WGST 432: Feminist Theory

Plus 6 hours of electives

Certificates*
(12 credit hours)

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- LGBT 350: LGBT Studies
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*NOTES
- The following are general education courses: WGST 101, WGST 201, WGST 202, LGBT 350
- The following is designated as Writing Infused: LGBT 350
- The following are in the Society & Culture domain: WGST 101, WGST 201, LGBT 350
- The following is in the Creativity & Critical Analysis domain: WGST 202
- The information above is from the 2017-2018 undergraduate catalog.