

# Why Gender and Women's Studies?

The Gender and Women's Studies Program offers an interdisciplinary course of study that examines gender and sexuality from social, cultural, and biological perspectives. The program is founded on close collaboration between academic departments, enabling students and faculty to utilize the perspectives and methodologies of gender and women's studies across traditional disciplines. It is based on a plurality of theoretical approaches and emphasizes the intersections between gender, sexuality, race, class, and ethnicity. The program supports the coordinate mission of the College of St. Benedict / St. John's University by promoting an integrated liberal arts education, leading students to a better understanding of the complexities and diversity of the human condition, and fostering the personal growth of women and men.

## GWST Major Checklist (40 credits)\*

Required courses:

- \_\_\_ GWST 101, Introduction to Gender Studies (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ GWST 380, Approaches to Gender Theory (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ GWST 381, Sex and Gender in Global Perspectives (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ GWST 385, Senior Capstone in GWST (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ Experiential Learning Component (0-4 credits)

\*All 5-6 elective courses (20-24 cr) must be cross-listed with GWST. At least 4 (16 cr) of these electives should be at the 300-level. No more than three of these electives (12 cr) can count toward another major and the GWST major. Students need at least 2 electives from Humanities/Fine Arts and Social Sciences/Natural Sciences.

- \_\_\_ Humanities/Fine Arts (4 credits)
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- \_\_\_ Humanities/Fine Arts/Social Sciences/Natural Sciences (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ Humanities/Fine Arts/Social Sciences/Natural Sciences (4 credits)

## GWST Minor Checklist (24 credits)\*\*

Required Courses:

- \_\_\_ GWST 101, Introduction to Gender Studies (4 credits)
- \_\_\_ GWST 380, Approaches to Gender Theory (4 credits)

\*\*At least three (12 credits) of the four additional electives must be at the 300-level. No more than two of these three courses, totaling 8 credits, should be taken from the same department.