Program Highlights

Gender and women's studies at CSB/SJU is unusual in studying the role of gender in both men’s and women’s lives, a combination that recognizes the collaboration between CSB as a women’s college and SJU as a men’s college.

Roughly 50 different CSB/SJU faculty members have offered GWST courses in 15 different departments:
- Our Men’s Lives and the Women’s Lives series, the Gender Learning Community, CSB Center for Women, and the SJU Center for Men’s Leadership and Service have successfully facilitated new ideas and programs concerning gender;
- Students can participate in groups such as Campus Feminists, PRISM, the Student Gender Awareness Group, and Student Advocates for Sexual Consent as well as many other events on campus.

Opportunities for either a major or a minor

Provides exceptional preparation that will make you more effective in a variety of professions.

Offers numerous film series and reading groups on campus that will enable you to share your opinion and openly discuss important issues.

The CSB/SJU gender and women's studies program is working in active collaboration with the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, and Hobart and William Smith College, New York, on the study of masculinities.

Course Overview

The GWST major and minor enhance the lives of male and female students by fostering a more critical understanding of how gender and related issues, especially sexuality and power, shape our culture’s thinking about the values of being male and female.

The GWST major and minor encourage students to integrate personal dimensions of their lives into their academic pursuits in profound and often transformative ways. In addition, GWST courses are often starting points for a continuous reconsideration of how our class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and national affiliation influence our views.

Focus Statement: Upon application to the major in the sophomore year, each student will turn in, with the application form and transcript, a one-page focus statement in which the student reflects on the individual comprehensive learning goals for the major in GWST. This statement will direct the student’s next two years of study and will assist GWST faculty members to more productively advise each major.

Some of our classes include:
- INTRO TO GWST
- READINGS IN GENDER STUDIES
- MEN’S STUDIES RESEARCH
- GENDER/WOMEN’S STUDIES/SPIRITUALITY AND MALE ATHLETE
- PHIL 368 APPROACHES TO GENDER THEORY
- BIBLE, CHURCH AND GENDER
- GENDER AND COMMUNICATION
- GENDER & SPORT

For a complete list of gender and women's studies classes, please visit our course catalog on our web site http://www.csbsju.edu/genderstudies/curriculum/default.htm

Experiential Learning

The GWST experiential learning component (learning outside of the classroom) reflects a long-standing tradition in women’s studies whereby students explore the intersections between their own lives and their academic coursework. Students must obtain prior approval of the project from the chair of GWST. Possible experiences include an internship or service learning with an intense gender theme or an independent learning project.

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Internship Opportunities

Past internships include:
- Legal Advocate Intern, Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women, St. Cloud, Minn.
- Resource Counselling Intern, Chrysallis, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Occupational Therapy Aide, Rehabilitation Services, St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minn.

Employment

Majors may find employment in a variety of areas depending on their skills and experience. Some graduates choose to work in advocacy or social services-related positions, community development, business, and government. Career-related internships or part-time jobs may be a prerequisite to finding professional-level employment after graduation in these and other fields. Please visit our Web site to see for yourself the extensive list of possibilities available for graduates with a major or minor in Gender and Women’s Studies.

http://www.csbsju.edu/CAREER/majors/genderwomensstudies.htm

Study Abroad

The gender and women’s studies department highly recommends that students take advantage of our phenomenal study abroad programs. Upon deciding to study abroad, advisers will help you adjust your four-year graduation plan to ensure that you complete the necessary course work to graduate within four years. In this era of immense globalization, having the competency to truly understand another culture and the gender differences that accompany different cultures is a key asset in today's world.

“...Our GWST major features an unusual focus on gender in both men’s and women’s lives, a combination that recognizes collaboration between our two single sex colleges. With coursework taught by almost 50 different faculty members in 15 departments, it both provides intellectual tools for understanding our world and prepares students for a variety of professions.” Martha Tomhane, Department Chair
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