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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 new students.

Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit gws.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can contact the major advisor, Eric Cheatham to schedule an appointment or ask questions by emailing eric_cheatham@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday,

10am - 12pm

Thursday - **working remotely (available via email and Zoom)**

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.

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

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GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

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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**.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

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	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Explore your major	<p>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements and consult the major FAQs.</p> <p>Enroll in GWS 10: Intro to Gender and Women's Studies and/or GWS 20: Intro to Feminist Theory.</p>	<p>Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major.</p> <p>Start thinking about upper division core (GWS 101, 102, 195) and elective courses within the major.</p> <p>Review major guidelines for study abroad.</p>	<p>Focus on completing upper division requirements and electives.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.</p> <p>Ask the major advisor about the Gender and Women's Studies honors program.</p>	<p>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Earn academic credit related to an internship or independent study.</p> <p>Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</p>	<p>WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?</p> <p>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 justice.</p> <p>Jobs and Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Graduate Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>
Connect and build community	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.</p> <p>Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S.</p> <p>Consider applying to the UNITY or WISE Theme Program.</p>	<p>Join a student organization such as the GWS Undergraduate Student Association.</p> <p>Check out resources from the Gender Equity Resource Center and sign up for their listserv.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p>	<p>Start attending events in the Gender and Women's Studies department and the Beatrice Bain Research Group.</p> <p>Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.</p>	<p>Join a professional association such as the National Women's Studies Association.</p> <p>Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar like GWS 24 or 39A, L&S 1, or a student-run DeCal course such as the GenSex DeCal.</p> <p>Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarships Fair in October.</p> <p>Get inspired through GWS faculty publications and podcasts.</p>	<p>Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course like L&S/GWS C180Y: Gender, Sex and Power.</p> <p>Check out research opportunities for GWS majors.</p> <p>Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.</p> <p>Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</p>	<p>Explore campus centers and institutes like the Center for Race & Gender, Center for the Study of Sexual Culture, Center for Research on Social Change, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, and Othering & Belonging Institute.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program, SURF, or Center for Race and Gender Student Grants Program.</p>	<p>Teach your own DeCal course.</p> <p>Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study and submit your work to the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with student organizations.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</p>	<p>Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</p> <p>Get involved with campus issues as a Gender Equity Center intern or volunteer.</p> <p>Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.</p>	<p>Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.</p> <p>Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.</p> <p>Mentor local youth through the YWCA Girls Group Mentoring Program or Women and Youth Supporting Each Other.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.</p> <p>Interested in a public service career? Apply for the John Gardner Fellowship.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.</p> <p>Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.</p> <p>Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.</p>	<p>Reflect on your education so far and continue to set goals for yourself.</p> <p>Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.</p> <p>Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.</p> <p>Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.</p>	<p>Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.</p> <p>Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Attend career and graduate school fairs like the "Nonprofit, Education, and Public Service Career Fair."</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p>	<p>Utilize job search tools from the Career Center.</p> <p>Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	