

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, BA

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a University of Iowa grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.33 and a GPA of at least 3.50 in the major. Students must write an honors thesis that requires two semesters of work during the senior year: fall (thesis research by enrolling in GWSS:3900 Research for Public Engagement) and spring (thesis writing by enrolling in GWSS:4095 Honors Senior Thesis).

Students who intend to graduate with honors in the major should meet with the gender, women's, and sexuality studies (GWSS) director of undergraduate study before the end of their junior year. They must also select a faculty member to serve as their honors thesis mentor before they begin their thesis work. They should meet with their mentor at least twice in the fall semester of their senior year to discuss their project. The department recommends that students consider faculty members from whom they have taken GWSS courses.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the university's honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the gender, women's, and sexuality studies major.