

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies, Graduate Certificate

The future before us requires a deep understanding of local, national, and global challenges; the full array of diverse voices and views that shape communities; and the capacity to couple research with a rich imagination. In the graduate certificate program in gender, women's, and sexuality studies (GWSS), students learn to meet these challenges.

In GWSS graduate coursework, students investigate a host of these thorny challenges as well as inspiring solutions to them—with a focus on gender and sexuality in their intersections with race and ethnicity, citizenship and borders, ability and disability, religion and spirituality, and more.

GWSS faculty research and teach on gender and social justice through intersectional, interdisciplinary, and transnational frameworks, engaging such areas as the environment, culture and the arts, education, health and medicine, violence and conflict, im/migration, and the economy. With attention to individuals and social groups historically excluded from flourishing, graduates of the certificate program work toward justice, vitality, and the public good in concert with ongoing work in their home programs and departments. Many continue this work after graduation as part of the professoriate and/or in jobs directly engaging advocacy and social justice.