

# GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES

DIVERSITY &  
INCLUSION

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

ADVOCACY &  
COUNSELING

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Gender & Women's Studies Department at Minnesota State University, Mankato contributes to feminist and social concerns through undergraduate and graduate degree programs and courses. We appeal to a wide variety of disciplines, professions, research interests, and ideological perspectives. Gender & Women's Studies prepares students for careers in human services, the media, community organizing, education, and many more.

## DEGREES OFFERED

- Gender and Women's Studies, BA
- Gender and Women's Studies, BS
- Gender and Women's Studies, Minor
- Sexuality Studies, Minor
- Gender and Women's Studies, MA
- Gender and Women's Studies, MS
- Gender and Women's Studies, Graduate Certificate

## SKILLS & TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Interpersonal Skills
- Problem Solving
- Research Skills
- Social Perceptiveness
- Solution Oriented
- Writing Skills
- Analytical Skills
- Advocacy
- Media Literacy

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES:

- LGBT Center
- Women's Center
- Study Abroad
- Volunteer opportunities:
  - Committee Against Domestic Abuse
  - Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
  - Planned Parenthood

## EMPLOYERS

- Colleges and universities
- Government agencies
- Law firms and court systems
- Hospitals and clinics
- Market research companies
- Mental health clinics
- Non-profit organizations
- Americorps
- Boys and girls clubs
- Public state institutions

## CAREERS

- Diversity trainer
- Equal opportunity officer
- Family caseworker
- Human resources
- Lawyer\*
- Marriage family therapist\*
- Mental health counselor\*
- Professor\*
- Social and community service manager
- Social welfare specialist
- Victim advocate

\*Advanced Education Required





**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES, BS)**

Major Common Core	
<p>GWS 110 Introduction to Gender (4)                      GWS 220 Sex and Gender Worldwide (4)                      GWS 310 Feminist Thought (4)                      GWS 330 Feminist Activism and Social Justice (4)                      GWS 340 Undergraduate Seminar (4)</p>	<p><u>Internship</u>                      (choose 4 credits from the following)                      GWS 497 Internship: Teaching (1-6)                      GWS 498 Internship: Community (1-6)</p>
Major Restricted Electives (Choose a minimum of 8 credits from the following)	
<p>AIS 240 American Indian Women (3)                      AIS 240W American Indian Women (3)                      ANTH 432 Kinship, Marriage and Family (3)                      ANTH 433 Anthropology of Gender (3)                      ART 419 Gender in Art (3)                      BIOL 102 Biology of Women (3)                      CORR 444 Women in the Criminal Justice System (3)                      ENG 402 Gender in Literature (2-4)                      ETHN 470 Women of Color (3)                      GWS 120 Violence and Gender (4)                      GWS 120W Violence and Gender (4)                      GWS 225 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,                      and Transgender Studies (4)                      GWS 225W Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,                      and Transgender Studies (4)                      GWS 230 Gender, Race, and Popular Culture (4)                      GWS 260 Selected Topics (1-4)                      GWS 277 Individual Study (1-6)                      GWS 290 Workshop (1-4)</p>	<p>GWS 411 Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy                      GWS 420 Identity Work in Women's Reentry Experiences                      GWS 440 Feminist Pedagogy (3)                      GWS 455 Sexuality and Queerness (3)                      GWS 460 Selected Topics (1-4)                      GWS 477 Individual Study (1-6)                      GWS 490 Workshop (1-4)                      HIST 155 History of the Family in America (3)                      HIST 408 History of Women in Preindustrial Europe (4)                      HIST 487 United States Women's History (4)                      HLTH 400 Women's Health (3)                      LAWE 235 Women in Law Enforcement (3)                      PHIL 445 Feminist Philosophy (3)                      POL 424 Women &amp; Politics (3)                      PSYC 460W Psychology of Women (3)                      SOC 209 Sociology of Human Sexualities (3)                      SOC 307 Sex &amp; Gender in Contemporary Society (3)                      SOC 409 Family Violence (3)                      SOWK 427 Social Work Response to Intimate Partner Violence (3)</p>