

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES MINOR



"It is empowering to learn about yourself, others and society through the lens of the intersectionality of race, class, gender and sexuality and work toward social justice."

– Frederika E Schmitt, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Sociology and
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

The minor in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Millersville University is dedicated to preparing our graduates to make a difference in their classrooms, careers and communities.

Why Minor in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies?

IT PREPARES YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

Our students find their background in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies to be a valuable resource for their professional development. Through their developed competencies in cultural and gender dynamics, graduates have found themselves well prepared to pursue advanced degrees and training in the professions, to gain employment in community service agencies, to engage in artistic expression in the creative arts, and to assume leadership roles and positions in both business and government. As more career opportunities require credentials in diversity and inclusion, WGSS provides a thoughtful choice as a minor for careers in medicine, business, teaching, social work, government, law and other endeavors where equity and social sensitivity are expected.

IT APPLIES ... TO EVERYTHING.

When you minor in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, you study politics, theory, math and science, literature, history, sociology, art and psychology, all through a lens that acknowledges the importance of gender and sexuality. You will gain a broad range of perspectives on a variety of jobs. It's both a career choice and a life choice: You're adopting a new perspective that you'll use in every relationship, every job and every circumstance.

SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

Did you know, on average, women make 77 cents for each \$1 a man makes? Women of color earn the least of all workers, and LGBTQ+ workers in the U.S. earn 90 cents for every dollar the typical worker earns. Did you know 1 in 5 women students will be sexually assaulted during college? Transgender people are at greater risk, with 47% assaulted at some point in their lifetimes. Do you want to find solutions to these and other social problems? Become a Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies minor.

LEARN ABOUT INTERSECTIONALITY.

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies is not just about women. Gender and sexuality exist along a spectrum and are affected by many intersecting factors. This minor makes you think about layers of identity and explore how oppressions like racism, sexism, transphobia, classism and ableism are comparable and intertwined.

ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE.

Minoring in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies allows you to challenge intersecting oppressions and address the systemic problems that create them. When you choose this minor, you become an agent – not a bystander – in the process of bringing humanity one step closer to equity.



"This minor provides the tools necessary for self-determination, which is essential for positive growth and development. This assures that whoever we are, we define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves."

– Rita Smith-Wade-El, Ph.D., former Professor of Psychology; former Director, African American Studies; former Director, Frederick Douglass Institute Collaborative



DEGREE MINOR

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 18-credit interdisciplinary minor

Students probe how social, historical and psychological forces organized by gender and sexuality shape individuals, communities and societies.

Our minor is flexible and easy to coordinate with your major.

COURSES

Core Courses:

WSTU 220 Intro to WGSS
WSTU 330 Feminist Theory

Advanced Study:

WSTU 345 Feminist Research
-or-
WSTU 488 Senior Seminar

Electives:

Choose from a wide range of electives, including Human Sexuality; Women in Art; Gender, Race and Class; Gender and the Law; Reading Our World: Gender and Sexuality; Latina Consciousness and more.

ACTIVITIES

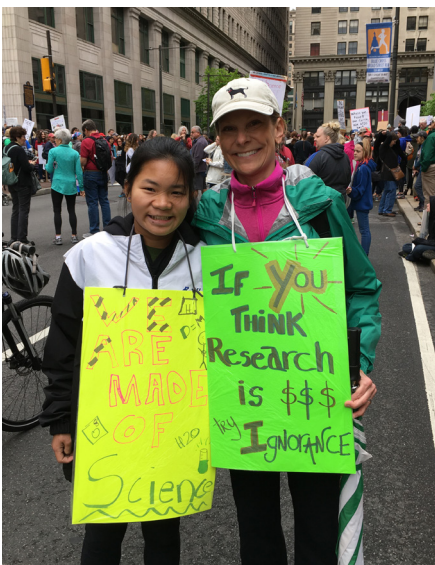
Speakers and Events

WGSS sponsors many guest speakers and campus events. Recent events have addressed domestic-violence prevention, disability justice and sexual assault, women's roles in police reform, and LGBTQ+ oral histories in Central Pennsylvania.

Field Trips

In the past, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies classes have taken field trips to Seneca Falls, New York, where they visited the National Women's Hall of Fame and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's house. Students have also traveled to Washington, D.C., to see the play NJINGA by Ione and Pauline Oliveros.

For more information, check out our website, www.millersville.edu/studies, or contact the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Coordinator.



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