WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR

Why Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies?

WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW ACTUALLY DOES HURT YOU.
Did you know, on average, women make 77 cents for each $1 a man makes? And women of color earn the least of all workers. This not only hurts women, but also couples and families. Do you want to learn more about the gender and race wage gap and how to create social change? Become a Women’s and Gender Studies minor.

Do you understand that gender and sexuality run along a continuum? Knowledge creates acceptance and less violence and bullying. Are you interested and want to find out more? Become a Women’s and Gender Studies minor.

Did you know one in five college women will be sexually assaulted during her college career? When college men are raped they are even less likely to report than women. Do you want to find solutions to this social problem? Become a Women’s and Gender 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 and Gender Studies

The Program in Women’s and Gender Studies at Millersville University is dedicated to incorporating new scholarship on women and gender into the University curriculum. Active in the classroom—as well as in the laboratory, the archive and the field—faculty and students work together to investigate women’s experiences and gender relations across a wide array of disciplines.

IT APPLIES…TO EVERYTHING.
When you minor in Women’s and Gender Studies, you study politics, theory, math & science, literature, history, sociology, art and psychology, all with a gendered lens. You will gain a broad range of perspectives on a variety of jobs. It’s not so much a career choice as it is a life choice; you’re adopting a new perspective that you’ll use in every relationship, every job, and every circumstance.

IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT WOMEN.
Women’s and Gender Studies is not just about women. Men have gender too, and we all are somewhat masculine and feminine. It’s a continuum. This minor makes you think about layers of identity and explore how oppressions like racism, sexism & heterosexism, classism and ableism are comparable and intertwined.

ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE.
Minoring in Women’s and Gender Studies allows you to challenge these intersecting oppressions and address the systemic problems that create them. It instills a huge sense of compassion for disadvantaged, oppressed groups. And we all know that compassion leads to justice. When you choose this minor, you become an agent — not a bystander — in the process of bringing humanity one step closer to equality.

“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-EJ, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology; Director, African American Studies; Director, Frederick Douglass Institute Collaborative

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DEGREE MINOR

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18-credit interdisciplinary minor

Students probe how social, historical and psychological forces organized by gender, shape individuals, communities and societies. Our minor is flexible and easy to coordinate with your major.

ACTIVITIES

Student & Faculty Potluck Dinners
At least once per semester, the Women’s and Gender Studies program organizes a potluck dinner for both students and faculty. The dinners provide intellectual discussions, great food and lots of fun.

Field Trips
In the past, Women’s and Gender 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.

For more information check out our website: www.millersville.edu/wstudies or contact the Women’s and Gender Studies Coordinator.

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