



THE WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

WHY WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES?

As our society moves toward acknowledging the diversity of the world we live in, Women's and Gender Studies is uniquely well-suited to prepare you to become informed and engaged citizens. As a graduate of our program, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills you need to be successful proponents of equality and social justice in whatever career you choose.

Our interdisciplinary program gives you the flexibility to discover your own focus as you gain the skills to examine and critique cultural, economic, historical, political, and social issues using feminist and queer philosophical paradigms. As a women's and gender studies student, you will learn about a cross section of feminist and queer thinkers, develop expertise in methods of critical analysis, and gain a deep understanding of how gender, sexuality, race, class, religion, ethnicity, and other social factors shape access to power as well as how the very definitions of power and value have varied in a range of societal and historical contexts.

MAJORS AND MINORS

B.A. IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

(30–32 CREDITS):

- **WGST 1001**, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: Sex, Gender, and Power
- Three courses chosen from core WGST courses, including internships with community organizations
- Two courses in the humanities and arts

- Three courses in social sciences, business and economics, and health sciences.
- **WGST 4410W**, Senior Seminar: Conduct original research and write a research paper you can use as a writing sample for graduate program applications

MINOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

(15–17 CREDITS):

- **WGST 1001**, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: Sex, Gender, and Power
- Four advanced electives of your choice

MINOR IN LGBTQ STUDIES

(15–17 CREDITS):

- **WGST 1001**, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: Sex, Gender, and Power
- **WGST 2100**, Key Ideas in LGBTQ Studies
- Three advanced electives chosen from a list

CONCENTRATION FOR MAJORS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHER PROGRAMS

(30 CREDITS):

- **WGST 1001**, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: Sex, Gender, and Power
- Seven advanced electives chosen from a list
- **WGST 4410W**, Senior Seminar (see above for description)

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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES DEGREE?

The short answer is, anything! Our interdisciplinary approach and focus on the fundamental questions of how gender and sexuality shape our world means that our graduates have the depth of understanding and ability to think creatively that enables them to succeed as teachers, lawyers, activists and community organizers, computer scientists, policy makers and public servants, journalists, doctors and public health professionals, writers and artists, businesspeople, managers, and administrators.

A major or minor in WGST or a minor in LGBTQ studies will give you the crucial skills that employers value—critical analysis, research, writing, communication, and creative thinking—and that will help you build long-term career success in a continually changing landscape.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD

- Two full-year scholarships for WGST majors in their senior year (\$5,000/year)
- Barbara Winslow Award for Student Activism
- Rising Star Award for early-stage WGST majors
- Academic Excellence Award for a graduating WGST major
- Academic Excellence Award for a graduating WGST minor or LGBTQ studies minor

FACULTY

Endowed Chair, 2019-21, Paisley Currah (Political Science)
Adjunct faculty include:

- B Lee Aultman (Political Science)
- Kannaki Bharali (Sociology)
- Nadja Eisenberg-Guyot (Anthropology)

Affiliate full-time faculty include notable scholars and artists from the humanities, arts, social sciences, education, natural and behavioral sciences, and business:

- Gaston Alonso (Political Science)
- Swapna Banerjee (History)
- Patricia Cronin (Art)
- Prudence Cumberbatch (Africana Studies)
- Zinga Fraser (Africana Studies)
- Michele Greene (Health and Nutritional Sciences)

- Mobina Hashmi (TV, Radio, and Emerging Media)
- Stephanie Jensen-Moulton (Music)
- Rosamond King (English)
- Namita Manohar (Sociology)
- Bernardita Llanos (Modern Languages and Literatures)
- Wayne Reed (Childhood, Bilingual and Special Education)
- Jeanne Theoharis (Political Science)

BROOKLYN COLLEGE PARTNERS

The Women's and Gender Studies Program has ongoing collaborations on academic talks, workshops, artistic events, and other student opportunities with a number of groups at Brooklyn College, including:

- **Shirley Chisholm Project** (3107b James Hall, 718.951.1772)
- **The Women's Center** (227 Ingersoll Hall Extension; 718.951.5777)
- **The LGBTQ Resource Center** (219-221 Student Center, 718.951.5739)

ANNUAL MENTORING EVENTS

Women's Leadership Mentor Luncheon
– Fall semester

LGTQIA+ Leadership Mentor Luncheon
– Spring semester

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We invite you to stop by and say hello! Until we can return to our office in 1207 Ingersoll Hall, e-mail us to set up a video meeting if you would like to learn more about the program.

Connect with us to find out more about events, gatherings, course offerings, etc.

Facebook – @WGSTProgram

Instagram – @bc_wgst_program

Twitter – @wgst_bc and @BCLGBTQStudies

718.951.5152 (department number)