WGS Graduate Learning Goals and Outcomes

Knowledge: Students completing the M.A. in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies will be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- the core theories, concepts, and debates of interdisciplinary scholarship in women’s, gender, sexuality, feminist, and queer studies.
- how gender and sexuality intersect with other complex categories, including race, class, nation, and ethnicity.
- how feminist methodologies are employed in research.
- how feminist theories connect with practice through feminist activism.

Core Skills: Students completing the M.A. in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies will:

- develop critical analytical skills in assessing theories, concepts, and data related to women, gender and sexuality from a variety of disciplines.
- be able to engage in and conduct original research, from research design, to data analysis, to writing.
- prepare to be professionals in careers that require training at an advanced level in issues related to women, gender, and sexuality.

Social Justice:

- Our Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program aims to prepare students to analyze systems of power and privilege, to examine the causes, manifestations, and consequences of institutional discrimination of every kind, and to understand and respect a range of cultural perspectives. This commitment necessarily means learning about the different experiences and struggles of women, men, and gender nonconforming people both around the world and within the United States.