What is women’s and gender studies?
The interdisciplinary field of women’s and gender studies explores the broad range of intellectual questions surrounding the roles of women and men in society, culture, and history. Students in the program have the opportunity to study theories of sex; gender and sexuality; the international diversity of women’s experiences and gendered social structures, both present and past; movements for equality and rights in the United States and around the globe; and the intersections of gender with race, class, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, and age, both within and across cultures. This curriculum brings students into contact with exciting developments in research on women and gender and explores ways to apply knowledge to the challenges of social justice and the struggle for human rights in our own communities and around the world.

What will your curriculum look like?
The major requires nine courses—three core courses and six electives chosen from an extensive list of over 80 courses. The core courses are as follows:

- WMGS 5a: Women and Gender in Culture and Society
- WMGS 105b: Feminist Theories in Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective
- WMGS 198a: Research Seminar

At least one of the six elective courses must have a historical focus and at least one must focus centrally on cultural difference. Majors must also write a senior essay or may elect to write an honors thesis.

The minor requires successful completion of WMGS 5a, four elective courses in women’s and gender studies, and a senior research project.

Hands-On Learning Experience
Students are strongly encouraged to undertake an internship in women’s and gender studies as one of their electives. See our website for internship opportunities.

What else does the women’s and gender studies program offer?
In addition to participation in our special women’s and gender studies commencement ceremonies, students in our program are eligible for special awards and receive priority for paid summer internships, research grants, and credit-bearing teaching assistantships.

What kind of career and education options will you have?
The curriculum in women’s and gender studies prepares students for a wide range of careers. Alumni of our program apply their skills and knowledge to academic and professional pursuits in medicine, law, education, government, social service, public policy, religion, counseling, international relations, journalism, publishing, business, and the arts.

How can you learn more?
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