The gender and women's studies major and certificate provide a unique background for students seeking to analyze gender and other vectors of inequality, both historically and in contemporary society, as reflected through texts, social practices, and social institutions in the U.S. and abroad. Our graduates have gone on to provide this kind of analysis in fields like health policy, immigration law, social work, reproductive justice, educational administration, employment policy, medicine, architectural design, and media production.

The curriculum reflects the interdisciplinary nature of gender and women's studies, offering to all students an opportunity to study gender and women in such areas as literature, history, anthropology, sociology, education, law, biology, psychology, philosophy, political science, economics, and the arts. Department courses have been designed to fulfill breadth requirements in the appropriate divisions.

The undergraduate major is a 30-credit program and the certificate is a 15-credit program. The interdisciplinary nature of gender and women's studies lends itself to working well with and complementing many other programs and plans across campus.

### DEGREES/MAJORS/CERTIFICATES


### PEOPLE

#### FACULTY


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