

# Gender and Sexuality Studies, B.A.

UCI's Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies is dedicated to the study of gender and sexuality in their complex articulation with other social categories such as race, ethnicity, class, religion, and nationality. The Department's goal is to foster critical and creative analysis of the various disciplinary perspectives—historical, political, economic, representational, technological, and scientific—that have constituted women, gender, and sexuality as objects of study. By emphasizing a rigorous interdisciplinary perspective in their teaching and research, the Gender and Sexuality Studies faculty seek to produce new knowledge about the social meanings of gender, race, class, and sexuality, and to equip students with a range of analytical and methodological skills.

The field of Gender and Sexuality Studies grew out of Women's Studies, an interdisciplinary field that developed at a phenomenal rate from a handful of student-initiated courses in the early 1970s to more than 600 programs in colleges and universities across the United States offering degrees at the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. levels. UCI's Department of Women's Studies was founded as a program in 1975 and has grown significantly since that time. To reflect its expanding scope of inquiry, the department changed its name in 2014 to the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies. The Department offers a B.A. in Gender and Sexuality Studies, a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies, a minor in Queer Studies, and a graduate emphasis in Feminist Studies.

Gender and Sexuality Studies provides a unique intellectual community for undergraduate and graduate students, where faculty and students share a commitment to interactive teaching and learning. Students work closely with faculty to plan a coherent program of study and to anticipate work toward advanced degrees and a wide variety of career options.

## Undergraduate Program

### Requirements for the B.A. in Gender and Sexuality Studies

**All students must meet the** University Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforadmittedstudents/requirementsforabachelorsdegree/>).

**All students must meet the** School Requirements (<http://catalogue.uci.edu/schoolofhumanities/#schoolrequirementstext>).

#### Departmental Requirements for the Major

A. Three introductory core courses:

GEN&SEX 50A	Gender and Feminism in Everyday Life
and select two of the following:	
GEN&SEX 20	Introduction to Queer Studies
GEN&SEX 50B	Gender and Power
GEN&SEX 50C	Gender and Popular Culture
GEN&SEX 60A	Gender and Science
GEN&SEX 60B	Gender and Law
GEN&SEX 60C	Gender and Religion

B. Five advanced core courses from:

GEN&SEX 100A	Feminism and Social Change
GEN&SEX 100B	Feminist Theory
GEN&SEX 100D	Queer Knowledges
GEN&SEX 110A	Gender, State, and Nation
GEN&SEX 110B	Money, Sex, and Power
GEN&SEX 110D	The Politics of Health and Medicine
GEN&SEX 120A	Histories of Sexuality
GEN&SEX 120B	Image Problems
GEN&SEX 120C	Practices of Embodiment

C. Three advanced elective core courses selected from GEN&SEX 139–190

D. Complete:

GEN&SEX 197	Senior Seminar in Gender and Sexuality Studies
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**Residence Requirement for the Major:** A minimum of five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

A degree in Gender and Sexuality Studies prepares students for multidisciplinary opportunities in graduate degree programs and for numerous careers in both the public and private sectors. Businesses, corporations, government and educational institutions increasingly find the need for expert knowledge about gender and sexuality. The growth of organizations and agencies that deal with women's, gender, and LGBTQ+ rights issues—at the local, national, and global levels—is expanding opportunities for graduates with degree specializations in Gender and Sexuality Studies. GSS graduates bring unique skills and knowledge to the professions of law, medicine, social work, education, counseling, and to government service, all of which increasingly

require expertise on issues concerning gender and sexuality. Students of Gender and Sexuality Studies develop critical and analytical skills that prove valuable in the full range of innovative career, employment, and philanthropic/humanitarian/social justice choices.

The UCI Division of Career Pathways (<http://career.uci.edu/>) provides services to students and alumni including career counseling, information about job opportunities, a career library, and workshops on resume preparation, job search, and interview techniques.