



MERRIMACK COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS



WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Department offers an interdisciplinary program that includes gender studies, women's studies, feminist studies, sexuality studies, and masculinity studies. The department is committed to an intersectional and multicultural curriculum that integrates diverse perspectives and experiences. WGS courses emphasize interactive learning in which student involvement, critical thinking, and personal insight are encouraged and made relevant in the learning process.

ENGAGING COURSEWORK

A dynamic curriculum builds strong practical knowledge from introductory classes to specialized coursework.

Students select from courses that focus on cultural representations and social constructions of gender, sex, race, and ethnicity in history, film, media, and popular culture; gender and the law; cross cultural, global, and historical characterizations of gender and gender movements; literary narratives and theories about gender; economic aspects of gender; and ethical, psychological, and sociological dimensions of gender.

A selection of program coursework includes:

- WGS 1010 Gender, Race, and Society
- WGS 2310 Gender and Diversity in Leadership
- WGS 3110 Global Gender Issues and Social Justice
- WGS 3300 US Women's History
- WGS 3420 Gender, Race, and the Media

REWARDING CAREER PATHS

The WGS major leads to a wide spectrum of challenging careers as the department equips students with a range of interdisciplinary skills and a background in diversity, which is highly valued in the 21st-century labor force. The curriculum also helps prepare students for graduate study in the fields of women's/gender/sexuality studies or for advanced study in traditional disciplines and professional fields. Many WGS majors and minors are currently enrolled in or have completed graduate work in the fields of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Women's Studies, Law, Sociology, Communication, Psychology, Education, Social Work, and Political Science.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Internships and Directed Studies

Internships and directed studies allow students to gain experience working in areas such as:

- Presidential campaigns
- Policy making in the statehouse
- Advocacy with LGBTQ youth
- Creating and implementing diversity and anti-bullying policies and programs in local high schools

Fieldwork in the Southwest

Complementing rigorous in-classroom coursework, students have the opportunity to gain real-world experience off-campus. Previous hands-on learning opportunities have taken students to the desert southwest, to experience areas with diverse cultures and landscapes.

Past fieldwork has included trips to Native American pueblos, working ranches, museums, nature preserves, and camping in Chaco Canyon. Students have met with and learned from southwestern artists, writers, environmentalists, biologists, and astronomers.



QUESTIONS?

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