

# WOMEN'S STUDIES AND GENDER STUDIES

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The Women's Studies and Gender Studies program explores women, gender, and sexuality through a variety of perspectives and a variety of disciplines. Its mission is to introduce students to feminist scholarship and methods across the disciplines as well as promoting social justice. Full-time faculty members teach the majority of courses in the program. The graduate program is designed to appeal to a variety of constituencies. These include:

- Individuals interested in feminist scholarship, as well as graduate students from other disciplines looking to integrate women's studies and gender studies into their work
- Professionals who wish to integrate the insights of feminist scholarship into the workplace
- Public and private school teachers seeking to respond to national and state mandated calls for inclusive curricula and pedagogy

The Women's Studies and Gender Studies program offers the MA degree program, a dual MA/MA degree program with theology, a dual MA/MSW degree program with social work, and a certificate program. We also have a graduate concentration designed for students in other graduate fields. Programs are individually tailored to a student's background, goals, and scheduling needs.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part- and full-time enrollment

MA program average time to completion: 2 years (full time), varies (part time)

MA/MA program average time to completion: 3 years (full time), varies (part time)

MA/MSW program average time to completion: 3 years (full time), 3–4 years (part time)

Certificate program average time to completion: 1 year (full time), 1.5–2 years (part time)

## INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- Internships and research opportunities are offered as part of the program and can be completed for course credit.

*We have a variety of connections in Chicago, but many students find their own internship sites.*

- A capstone experience is included as part of the curriculum.

*Students have the choice of completing an internship, a thesis, or a creative practicum. The final results of their coursework and capstone experience are presented at a capstone ceremony and dinner.*

## ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE

- Study abroad opportunities are offered within the WSGS program.  
*These opportunities come from the departments and schools with which we cross-list classes (including Modern Languages and Social Work).*
- Student organizations such as the Women's Studies and Gender Studies Graduate Student Association as well as service opportunities like working with women, homeless families, and LGBTQ youth are associated with the program.

## EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Graduates have been successful advancing professionally, obtaining employment in counseling, social justice activism, non-profit organizations, the arts, teaching, law, PhD programs, and medical school.

- To learn more about career services, visit [www.LUC.edu/career](http://www.LUC.edu/career).

## PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Our program is diverse and flexible in order to accommodate the variety of applications for this interdisciplinary field of study. Students come from all over the world with a great variety of backgrounds. Our curriculum draws from departments across the College of Arts and Sciences as well as the Schools of Social Work, Education, and Communication. Beginning in Fall 2019, students will be able to choose a course concentration from among several subject areas or to create an area of their own on which to focus. Our students go on to a variety of careers in social service, non-profit organizations, the arts, and education as well as PhD and professional programs. We also provide opportunities for graduate students to study feminist pedagogy and to teach WSGS 101 under the mentorship of a faculty member.

## FACULTY

Women's and Gender Studies faculty members are passionate about their teaching and dedicated to their research. Areas of faculty interest include women's history, queer theory, feminist media, bioethics, sexual ethics, women and migration, sexual violence, feminist and queer theology, Latinx and Latin American literature, feminist theatre, gender in fine art, and women's political participation.

## FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit [LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool](http://LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool).

## LEARN MORE

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[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](http://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

*For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit [LUC.edu/gpem/info](http://LUC.edu/gpem/info).*

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