Women’s and Gender Studies
+ College of Arts and Sciences

Degree(s)
+ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in women’s and gender studies
+ Minor in women’s and gender studies
+ Master of Arts (M.A.) in women’s and gender studies

Program Overview
Saint Louis University has a growing women’s and gender studies program, open to both men and women, with courses focusing on women and gender across the curriculum of arts and sciences and including professional schools such as nursing, law and social work.

Women’s and gender studies is the study of the human experience that places women and gender at the center of the analysis. It is an interdisciplinary field that draws from knowledge and expertise in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. It is a field that integrates knowledge from a variety of perspectives to study the situations of women in different world cultures and in different ethnic groups within the United States with a focus on today and with attention to the historical contributions of women in building nations and cultures. The program represents both a content area and an approach that includes feminist pedagogy, feminist methodologies and feminist strategies of interpretation. Students regularly reflect on questions pertaining to ethics and justice, and wholly examine women’s experiences including their bodies, psychology, history, ways of thinking and styles of communication and leadership.

About the Faculty
Faculty are drawn from the College of Arts and Sciences and include 45 faculty who teach courses in the humanities and social sciences on gender issues. The women’s and gender studies program provides a focus for faculty and students to work together on issues that are vital to each. Thereby, faculty and students form relationships with people across disciplines.

Curriculum
The Saint Louis University women’s and gender studies program offers engaging courses that develop students multicultural perspectives. We enable individuals to become more reflective about their own lives and the lives of men and women everywhere. Our courses encourage each student to serve as an active citizen of the world.

Students in women’s and gender studies enjoy studying women, gender, ethics, families and communities. Women’s and gender studies students learn skills designed to help them build communities, develop policies and understand social relationships. Courses pay particular attention to the intersection of issues of ethnicity, class and sex and explore how differences between men and women structure our society. Many students choose to double major.

The women’s and gender studies program at Saint Louis University offers a undergraduate major requiring 30 credit hours and an undergraduate minor requiring 18 credit hours. All courses must be listed or cross-listed with women’s and gender studies. Cross-listed courses do not have to be taken under the women’s and gender studies number to count, and courses can double and triple count for two majors, for minors and for core requirements.

Learn More For course listings and more information about our faculty, visit slu.edu/x17296.xml.

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Graduate Programs
+ Master of Arts (M.A.) in women’s and gender studies
For a full listing of graduate programs, visit graduate.slu.edu.

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Admission Requirements

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

Internships and Careers

All students participate in a capstone course in which they complete a project under the supervision of an individual faculty member. In this course, students have the experience of working one-on-one with a faculty member who provides special opportunities for mentoring and professional development.

Students seek graduate work in a variety of fields, including law. Some students go on to master’s or doctoral work in women’s and gender studies. Students pursue careers in social service agencies, government, corporations and other institutions that serve women.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.