

MAJOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER STUDIES

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See all major requirements at: www.jjay.cuny.edu/gender-studies-major-resources

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN IN THIS MAJOR?

Gender is one of the most fundamental organizing principles of individual lives and the world we live in. Gender Studies majors learn how feminist and queer scholarship, including Black feminism, Chicana feminism, transnational feminism, Asian American feminism, trans studies, and jotería studies, are central to fierce advocacy for justice. Gender Studies is an intersectional, transnational, decolonial, and anti-racist field of study committed to disrupting systemic oppression. Develop your imaginative, aspirational, and critical approaches to problem solving, research, data collection, and writing.

Our courses question the gender binary and the normalization of straightness. Learn about the social, historical, political, cultural, and socio-legal forces that have long inhibited the attainment of justice and equality for transgender women and men, people who are gender non-binary, cisgender women, and LGBTQ+ people, particularly at the intersection of gender identity, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and citizenship status.

IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■■■

Examine gender as a complex and changing social construction that intersects with class, race, age, ethnicity, sexual identity, nationality, and other aspects of self.

Engage in lively discussions with your professors and peers about groups, experiences, and ideas that have been underrepresented in traditional academic work.

Write analyses and research papers using a variety of methods. Through papers, projects and discussions, students will have the opportunities to integrate theory, self-reflection and action.

FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■■■

GEN 101: Introduction to Gender Studies

GEN 205: Gender and Justice

GEN 255: The Biology of Gender and Sexuality

“Because gender is such a fundamental part of the human experience, the courses that I have taken cover a broad spectrum of disciplines which include sociology, psychology, philosophy, biology, history, literature, and criminal justice. Looking at gender from all of these different perspectives has helped me realize just how much gender informs every aspect of our lives and how important it is to address the inequalities that stem from gender stereotypes.”

— Sharlene Johson, Junior

“Through Gender Studies my understanding of myself and the world around me has changed so dramatically; the classes have invigorated in me a passion that I believe will follow me for as long as I live. I have realized the power of education, and for that I am truly grateful.”

— Selma Djokovic, Senior

WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Summarize, analyze, compare, evaluate, interpret and synthesize ideas.
- Present ideas verbally and in writing: interpret data, shape information into specific points and arguments.
- Design projects, develop hypotheses, perform research, organize information, and solve problems.

WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Africana Studies
- Criminology
- Economics
- English
- Counseling
- Human Rights Studies
- Latin American and Latinx Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sustainability and Environmental Justice

For more information about minors, go to:

www.jjay.cuny.edu/minors

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- Internships
- Ongoing research opportunities with faculty
- As an interdisciplinary major, students can receive a solid foundation in the liberal arts and social sciences to be attractive applicants for graduate and law schools as well as employers

THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- **Human Rights/Social Justice:** potential employers include Amnesty International, Children’s Defense Fund, National Organization for Women, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Human Rights Campaign, Safe Horizon, Anti-Violence Project, MADRE, Center for Immigrant Families, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Planned Parenthood
- **Law/Government/Public Sector:** potential employers include any law firm, but also National Women’s Law Center, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, Empire State Pride Agenda, Human Rights Watch, Lambda Legal Defense Fund, New York Civil Rights Coalition, Legal Aid, American Civil Liberties Union
- **Business and Marketing:** potential employers include Womenkind LLC, Scenario DNA, Fortune 500 Companies—Human Resources, Nielson, Addis Creeson. Any organizations that engage in consumer analysis, since gender is central to how businesses market goods.
- **Mental Health & Human Services:** potential employers include Partnership with Children of NYC, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service, Public Health Solutions, MIC—Women’s Health Services, GMHC-Gay Men’s Health Clinic.