

# THE GENDER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND ADVOCACY



**ABOUT US** Grounded in the values of intersectional feminism, activism, access, community and learning and centered on the power of education towards liberation, the Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy (GITA) provides academics, advocacy, and programming opportunities to students. We provide students the skills to challenge the status quo, interrogate the world around them, and teach students how to analyze, communicate and organize so they feel empowered to work against and abolish systems of oppression.



**STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES** Students can participate in our Applied Queer/Trans/Feminist Labs; propose an episode on a social justice issue for the "GITA Hold of Yourself" podcast; join a student organization like Triota or the Feminist Alliance; or find community in class or through our space, events and programming.



**MAJOR/MINOR** GITA offers a major in Gender, Women and Sexualities Studies and minors in Gender Studies and Sexualities Studies. Our major identifies and examines systems of power through an intersectional and a transnational (global) lens and gives students the skills to actively make social change. Both minors pair well with any major; the Gender Studies prepares students to examine current social justice issues from a critical perspective; while the Sexualities Studies minor is particularly important for students who hope to work with LGBTQIA populations.



**INDUSTRY CAREERS** Students can turn their passion for social justice into thriving careers. Our students become policy makers or community advocates in the private sector, or in grassroots organizations.

**STUDENT QUOTE** "GITA has been a welcoming space and an incredible support to my dreams. They have been an ally to my mission and an accomplice in my journey of strengthening my voice and empowering others by sharing my story. Thank You GITA!"



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# GENDER, WOMEN, AND SEXUALITIES STUDIES | Bachelor of Arts

## Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,  
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
<b>Cultivate</b> Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Orientation and register for classes</li> <li>Meet your academic advisor to map out your journey and declare your major in GWS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider adding a minor in another field or a micro-credential</li> <li>Meet with your advisor</li> <li>Take your Method (GWS 2200) and Theory (GWS 3280 or 3510) courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete your senior capstone (GWS 4750) and your Internship (GWS 4920) or Teaching Assistantship (GWS 4970)</li> <li>Apply to graduate</li> </ul>
<b>Engage</b> Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research potential study abroad options</li> <li>Visit GITA on campus and attend one of our events</li> <li>Attend a meeting with student clubs on campus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speak with your professor about research, teaching or learning assistant opportunities</li> <li>Participate in the Applied Queer Trans Feminist Studies Lab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate electives</li> <li>Participate in diversity oriented and social justice events on campus</li> <li>Consider a leadership role in Triota, Feminist Alliance, or other student club</li> </ul>
<b>Prepare</b> for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check out internships and job opportunities on Career Link</li> <li>Consider taking a career and personal development course to develop skills for professional success and self-care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect with the C2Hub on professional mentoring and networking opportunities</li> <li>Apply for scholarship and/or award opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If considering graduate school discuss options with a faculty advisor</li> <li>Present at a conference or consider publishing in an undergraduate journal or local paper or magazine</li> </ul>

### Career Information

- What skills do employers want?**
- Communicate clearly and effectively
  - Critical analysis of qualitative and quantitative data
  - Solve problems and make decisions
  - Feminist/collaborative leadership skills

### This major gives me the skills to:

- Understand power privilege and oppression
- Research and critically analyze social and cultural issues through an intersectional perspective
- Develop strategies to address inequalities and produce a world in which liberated communities live with dignity and joy!

### Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

100% of GWS majors complete an internship or teaching assistantship.

### Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

### What careers can I pursue?

- Writer
- Community Organizer
- Social Science Researcher
- Human Rights Activist
- Victim's Advocate
- JEDI Specialist
- Public Service

