

Bachelor of Arts in **Women's and Gender Studies**

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WHAT DO STUDENTS LEARN?

In women's and gender studies, you'll engage intellectual frameworks, methodologies, and theories that examine gender as a social construct. You will study and produce critical analyses of representations of gender in literature and art, in social and scientific arenas, and in political theory and practice. You'll find that our program includes the experiences of people of color, sexual diversity, and disenfranchised populations. Our intersectional curriculum also includes new and emerging topics of interests: women's health and use of the healthcare system; the complexities of caring; the impact of sexism on men's lives; the role of women in politics as makers of policy; and the importance of gender and global connections.

WHAT DO GRADUATES GO ON TO DO?

Graduates follow any number of paths, which include working for non-profit companies and companies that are attentive to gender equality; working in activism to address issues such as domestic and intimate partner violence or human trafficking; working for gender equity; or working in politics, including all political levels. Your degree is also an exceptional foundation for graduate work in related topics such as women's health services and innovations, as well as advanced degrees in law and business.

Women's and Gender Studies

As a student of women's and gender studies, you will gain a profound understanding of how to influence ongoing political and economic inequalities. You'll explore how media and marketing construct women and disempowered bodies in manipulative ways as you learn that feminism is about addressing institutionalized inequality for all people. Studying women's and gender studies at Chatham is particularly rewarding, as issues related to gender and identity are at the forefront of Chatham's mission.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Chatham is home to the Center for Women's Entrepreneurship, the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics, and the Women's Business Center. These centers sponsor programs for students, such as NEW (National Education for Women's) Leadership Pennsylvania™, an educational program for young women to learn how to be active citizens and how to influence public policy.
- Students benefit from the resources of the Chatham University Women's Institute, which provides opportunities including programming, a certificate in Women's Leadership, involvement in community initiatives, and a women's leadership living-learning community.
- The Women's Institute offers small grants to support students' gender-related research and creative projects as well as support for presenting these projects at conferences.
- Co-sponsored by the Women's Institute and screened on campus, *Just Films* is an annual series that shows documentaries focused on gender equity and social justice, often being shown in Pittsburgh for the first time.
- The curriculum touches on many different topics through the lens of gender issues, which makes this program a good complement to most other majors, including psychology, English, political science, business, and marketing.

SAMPLE COURSES

Women's Leadership in the 21st Century

This interdisciplinary seminar provides a foundation in leadership theory and models, including women's diverse ways of leading; women's roles as leaders and agents of change; feminist leadership styles and agendas; and the impact of intersectional identities (such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, and religion and worldview) on leadership styles and agendas

Feminist Theory

This course is designed to provide students with a critical introduction to the historical development and current controversies of feminist theory including global feminism and women's bodies as a site of contestation. It includes a comprehensive summary of the diverse and interdisciplinary philosophical strains that make up the intellectual heritage of modern feminism.

Social Welfare: Women And Policy

This course is designed to examine current issues and policies that impact the lives of women and to explore methods of creating or modifying policies. This course will use a comparative policy framework to explore the strengths and weaknesses of current interventions regarding their promotion of social and economic justice.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to other merit-based awards and scholarships, Chatham offers awards and scholarships for women's leadership, including the Hollander Student Award and the Heffer Family Scholarship.



“Women’s and gender studies is a particularly dynamic course of study at Chatham because the University is deeply invested in educating our students as individuals. All departments in the School of Arts, Science & Business are committed to producing scholarship and teaching courses with a focus on gender inequity.”

– LYNNE BRUCKNER, PH.D., *coordinator, women’s and gender studies*



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