

Gender Studies

at Centre College

What is gender? What does it mean to be a man or a woman? Why do some men and women answer these questions differently? The best way to attempt to answer such complex questions is to approach the subject from a wide range of viewpoints.

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Gender studies is an interdisciplinary academic program which aims to expand students' understanding of femininity and masculinity, as well as the ways women and men locate themselves within gendered systems. Since gender is part biological fact and part social construction, students examine how gender roles are created from the building blocks of nature and culture. Students also learn how the application of a gendered lens has challenged traditional historical and cultural assumptions about men and women in society.

By promoting critical thinking across theoretical boundaries, gender studies prepares students to live and work effectively and respectfully in modern society. The minor is particularly appropriate for students planning to attend graduate school in gender studies, as well as those who wish to incorporate a gendered dimension into a professional career such as law, public policy, or business. Centre students and faculty have a long history of interest in gender issues, although the formal academic minor in gender studies is new. The Centre courses in this area will continue to develop in the future in response to the experiences of our students. The minor combines well with any Centre major.

What Courses Will I Take?

The gender studies minor requires seven courses. It provides a solid background in the significant issues of gender studies scholarship, allows some flexibility in tailoring the program, and enables you to synthesize these concepts with your major program(s). Only GNS 210 Introduction to Gender Studies is required. The remaining six courses (18 credit hours) can be selected from a range of classes in other disciplines, but must include one course in each of two divisions (Humanities, Social Science, and Science). Although enrollment in GNS 210 is recommended as soon as possible, courses can be taken in any order. Be aware that some of the courses fulfilling the gender studies minor have prerequisites, so taking these prerequisites early is also advisable. Details concerning course prerequisites

and academic terms when these courses are offered are provided on Centre's Web site.

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