Learning Objectives

A dynamic interdisciplinary program, Gender Studies at USC offers its majors and minors a heady intellectual environment, a sense of community, and unparalleled personalized attention. Our curriculum analyzes how gender plays out in politics, intimate life, culture, the workplace, athletics, technology, health, science, and in the very production of knowledge itself. Our classes emphasize that gender is not a freestanding category, but rather one that takes shape through its intersection with other relations of power, including sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, nationality, and religion.

The Gender Studies Major provides the following learning objectives:

**Critical Thinking**: identifying and assessing arguments, paying attention to underlying assumptions; identifying the essential elements of a concept, idea, or text; marshaling appropriate evidence to develop a persuasive argument

**Feminist Theories and Methodologies**: understanding a broad range of feminist theories, especially within their historical and cultural context; becoming conversant with a range of research methodologies, in both the Humanities and the Social Sciences

**Intersectionality**: analyzing gender as it intersects with other categories of difference, including sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, nation, and religion

**Interdisciplinarity**: building knowledge about gender from multiple fields of study; understanding feminist theoretical frameworks and methodologies in relationship to established disciplines
Globalization: understanding the ways that gender operates in different national and cultural contexts, and globalization’s impact on gender relations