Gender Studies

This interdisciplinary major examines cultures, regions, periods, and theories in order to study the meanings of gender and sexuality, and the way they intersect with race, class, and ethnicity. Our faculty, drawn from across the university, includes undisputed leaders in their fields of specialization which include popular music, masculinity, sports, queer studies, reproductive rights, poverty, social movements, and new medical technologies.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

One Introductory Course:
- Choose either Social Analysis of Gender or Gender Conflict in Cultural Contexts

Three Core Courses
- Feminist Theory: An Introduction
- Gender Studies and the Community — Internship
- Senior Seminar in Gender Studies

Five Upper Division Electives, some examples are:
- Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Contemporary Art
- From Goddesses to Witches — Women in Premodern Europe
- Gender and Global Issues
- Sex, Power, and Politics
- Human Sexuality
- Gender, Religion, and Sexuality
- Women and the Law
- Transgender Studies
- Gender, Social Inequality, and Social Justice
- Ecofeminism

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Center for Feminist Research: For 20 years, the CFR has worked together with the Gender Studies Program to create research opportunities for the study of women, gender, and feminism. Their seminars, workshops, conferences, and informal gatherings bring together scholars, students, and members of the greater Los Angeles community who share interests and concerns about the operations of gender in our neighborhoods, our society, and our world.

- Louise Kerckhoff Prize: This prize has been established for the purpose of annually awarding students for both the best graduate and undergraduate papers in Gender Studies.

- Honors Program: Strong students have the option of enrolling in a year-long program that includes an upper-division seminar and the completion of a thesis.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or https://dornsife.usc.edu/genderstudies/gs-major/