

GENDER, SEXUALITY, & WOMEN'S STUDIES, BA: HEALTH AND DISABILITY STUDIES

This concentration will be of interest to students who want to explore the intersections between history and health and the ways that disability and health are both shaped by, and experienced in, society. Courses are typically cross-listed with History and Sociology of Science, Sociology, Psychology, and English, but courses from other Departments and the Nursing School can be approved on a case-by-case basis.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 33. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major> (<https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
GSWS 0002	Gender and Society	1
GSWS 0003	Introduction to Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	1
GSWS Theory Course:		1
GSWS Course with Attribute: AGWT - Theory (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwt/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>Health and Disabilities Concentration Requirements</i>		
Select 5 courses with 4 courses in at least two different departments:		5
Attribute: AGWH - Health and Disabilities (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwh/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select 4 elective courses:		4
GSWS 0000-4999		
Attribute: AGWF - Feminist Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwf/)		
Attribute: AGWG - Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwg/)		
Attribute: AGWH - Health and Disabilities (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwh/)		
Attribute: AGWL - LGBTQ Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwl/)		

Attribute: AGGR - Major Related Courses (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aggr/>)

And courses by permission of Program Associate Director

Research/Capstone Requirement 1

GSWS 4000 GSWS Honors Thesis Seminar

GSWS 4999:9999

And courses by permission of Program Associate Director

Total Course Units 33

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

Honors

Students with an overall GPA of 3.4 and 3.6 or better in the major are eligible for honors.

Concentrations

Students may select one of five concentrations (<https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major/concentrations/>):

- Feminist Studies
- Global Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Health and Disability
- LGBTQ Studies
- Self-designed

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.