

GENDER, SEXUALITY, & WOMEN'S STUDIES, BA: SELF DESIGNED

This concentration could be met by taking 5 courses within a single field or department, or a combination of departments—such as Politics and Philosophy, or Sociology & Anthropology. Other concentrations might include Media and Communications, History and English, or thematic concentrations that could combine courses in a wide variety of fields such as Performance Studies, Migration Studies, Labor Studies, and so forth. Any self-designed concentration should be determined in consultation with the Associate Director of the program and subsequently approved by the Program's Curriculum Committee. Please note that the title of the self-designed concentration will not appear on transcripts.

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
Attribute AGWT - Theory (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwt/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>Concentration Requirements</i>		
Select 5 courses with 4 courses in at least two different departments		5
Attribute AGGR - Major Related (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aggr/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select 4 elective courses		4
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/)	
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director	
<i>Research/Capstone Requirement</i>	
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.