

St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences





# Interdisciplinary Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

# ABOUT THE INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

As a student in the interdisciplinary minor in Women's and Gender Studies at St. John's University, you examine how social structures of power based on gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, social class, and other intersecting forces influence our lives and communities. While women's and gender studies continue to explore women's experiences and underrepresentation in knowledge production, the field also examines the ways gender relations, including masculinities, combine with other categories of difference and become embedded in social, political, and cultural formations.

This 18-credit minor is an excellent complement to all majors. The professors who teach in the minor represent the departments of sociology, history, government and politics, English, and art and design and bring their expertise to the study of gender inequalities. With their guidance, you delve into a rich body of knowledge to explore historical, artistic, scientific, and literary issues through the lens of gender.

You can select the minor in Women's and Gender Studies at any time prior to graduation, as long as you satisfactorily complete the required courses. With approval of the program director, you may be able to apply internship credits to the minor and explore particular gender issues through real-world work experience.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MINOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES?

With the strong analytical, communication, and research skills you develop in the minor, along with your understanding of cultural, social, and political forces that shape concepts of gender, you'll be a competitive applicant for jobs in government, public policy, research, or service organizations. The minor is a strong foundation for graduate programs in history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, English, and psychology, as well as professional training in law, medicine, and social work.

As part of the Women's and Gender Studies program, you engage with scholars and activists in the field through on-campus lectures and events. You have the opportunity to showcase your research and build professional relationships relating to your interests, all of which contribute to career success.

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#### PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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#### **ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Office of Undergraduate Admission 1-888-9STJOHNS admission@stjohns.edu stjohns.edu/admission-aid/ undergraduate-admission

### A GLOBAL EDUCATION

In addition to learning about gender issues at home in New York, you can enhance your understanding at the global level by taking advantage of St. John's extensive study abroad opportunities. The Office of Global Studies offers semester-long, summer, and winter intersession programs around the world. For more information, please visit **stjohns.edu/global**.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

I invite undergraduate students from every college in the University who are interested in gender relations to minor in Women's and Gender Studies. Our interdisciplinary courses explore and critique historical and contemporary forces that shape and are shaped by gendered struggles for social change. We offer a series of films, lectures, and casual groups where you can explore and discuss women and gender issues in the context of politics, economics, science, religion, literature, and the arts. Join us and enhance your experience at St John's University with this interdisciplinary minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

The University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards approximately \$400 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit **stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid**.

