# Center for the Study of Women, Gender & Sexuality

(Reavis Hall, Room 103)

# **Graduate Programs**

#### You belong here!

The Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality offers a variety of programs, including three different certificates of graduate study.



#### What students say:

- "The certificate helped me land my first academic job, because my employer was impressed by the breadth of the coursework for this certificate."
- "I was hired right after graduation because, in addition to an understanding of issues related to diversity, the certificate helped me gain many of the top skills that employers look for today."
- "The certificates gave me a 'leg -up' on (other) job candidates... it demonstrated a dedication to social justice and an ability to work across disciplines."

# Why study women, gender & sexuality?

#### There are many benefits!

- Employers value the communication skills, research skills, and in-depth knowledge of diversity issues that you will gain in our courses.
- Our programs emphasize social justice, global awareness and an appreciation for human diversity, which are important to living in today's global society.
- Students become more self-aware. community-minded, and expand their social circles through our programs.
- Our students have successfully gone on to pursue a wide variety of career paths, including but not limited to:
  - ♦ Art Director:
  - Business Director for a non-profit
  - ♦ Civil Rights attorney;
  - ♦ Entrepreneur;
  - ♦ Grant writer;
  - Program coordinator;
  - University professor;
  - Web application designer & developer.

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# LGBT Studies Certificate (12 credit hours)

Required course: (3 credit hours)

• LGBT 650: LGBT Studies

Three (3) hours from the following:

- LGBT 602: Internship
- LGBT 651: Research in LGBT Studies

Plus six (6) hours of electives (see our website for a list of electives)

### Women's & Gender Studies Certificate (12 credit hours)

Required course: (6 credit hours)

- WGST 620: Feminist Theory
- WGST 630: Research in Women's & Gender Studies

Plus six (6) hours of electives (see our website for a list of electives)

Law and Women's & Gender Studies

Certificate
(12 credit hours)

Required course: (3 credit hours)

WGST 620: Feminist Theory

One from the following: (3-4 credit hours)

- LAW 800: Externship\*
- LAW 805: Clinic\*
- WGST 602: Internship

One from the following: (2-3 credit hours)

- LAW 610: Family Law
- LAW 672: Employment Discrimination
- LAW 685: Gender & the Law
- LAW 693: Gender & the Constitution
- LAW 696: Sexuality & the Law
- LAW 795: Directed Research

Plus 2-4 hours of electives (see our website for a list of electives)

\*Available only to College of Law students. Topic/placement require advance approval.

The information above is from the 2017-2018 graduate catalog.

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