

RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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The Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department coordinates teaching, research, and scholarship in the field of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. It is a mature academic field of inquiry that also draws from many other fields of study. Enacted as a discipline, the Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department is a site of both scholarly inquiry and social change and activism. A unique academic department, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies incorporates praxis—practice that is informed by feminist theory and gendered analyses. Courses in Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are taught with feminist pedagogical techniques and from feminist theoretical perspectives, and they integrate theory with activism whenever possible.

Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies students learn to think critically about the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age, ability, and nationality as they interact with systems of power. Students also learn to make important connections between their learning, their own lives, and the globally interconnected world. As engaged citizens, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies students advocate for gender and other forms of social justice both on campus and in the larger community.

All majors participate in a final capstone experience by taking WGSS 498 which is offered during the Spring semester. Students work closely with a community partner to develop and implement a plan of action or research. There are also other internship and volunteer opportunities for Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies students on campus (e.g. Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, Center for Awareness of Sexual Assault, Intersectional Women's Center) and in the local community (such as the Black and Brown Womyn Power Coalition, the Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center, Family Support Center, Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, The Community Table, and Western Dairyland). In addition, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies offers several courses conducted as domestic and international cultural immersion experiences.

The interdisciplinary and critical perspectives learned in the department enrich all fields of study, so graduates are well-prepared to do work in a variety of fields. Upon graduating, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies majors pursue a range of careers in business, health care, community education, and in both the private sector and non-profit organizations. They are also well prepared for graduate studies in Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and other fields.

Faculty

Ari Anand, Chair

Josephine Kipgen
Rae Langes
Kong Pheng Pha

Majors

- Major: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Liberal Arts - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/race-ethnicity-gender-sexuality-studies/womens-gender-sexuality-studies-major-ba-bs/>)

Minors

- Minor: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/race-ethnicity-gender-sexuality-studies/womens-gender-sexuality-studies-minor/>)

Certificates

- Certificate: Women of Color Feminisms (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/race-ethnicity-gender-sexuality-studies/women-of-color-feminisms-certificate/>)
- Certificate: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/race-ethnicity-gender-sexuality-studies/womens-gender-sexuality-studies-certificate/>)
- Certificate: LGBTQ Studies (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/race-ethnicity-gender-sexuality-studies/lgbtq-studies-certificate/>)
- Certificate: (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary/critical-hmong-studies-certificate/>)Critical Hmong Studies (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary/critical-hmong-studies-certificate/>)