Graduate Certificate: Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

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Learn more about the graduate certificate in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies.

About the Certificate

Students in the Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies (GSWS) graduate certificate program acquire and develop methodological and theoretical expertise in the interdisciplinary field of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies. The certificate can be pursued by graduate students already enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program. They complete the certificate requirement while simultaneously fulfilling the graduate requirements for their degree-granting department.

The GSWS graduate certificate program can also be undertaken as a freestanding certificate by persons who are not enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program. In addition, students who are not enrolled in a Temple graduate degree program but are enrolled in a graduate degree program at another university may apply for the GSWS graduate certificate by completing an external application form.

All students complete the same course requirements to earn the certificate. And all certificate students join and benefit from a community of graduate students and faculty committed to the study of gender and sexuality in a wide range of disciplines.

Time Limit for Completion of Certificate Coursework: 3 years

Temple graduate students typically take GSWS 8001 Feminist and Queer Studies and GSWS 9991 Research Seminar in their first year of graduate study. Each year, GSWS 8001 is offered in the Fall term and GSWS 9991 is offered in the Spring term. Students may take GSWS 9991 in the Spring term of their first year and GSWS 8001 in the Fall term of their second year, as well as their graduate-level GSWS-related electives during the first two years of their degree program, but exceptions can be made for taking one of the courses in the third year. Certificate students who are not enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program may take the required coursework in any order they wish within a 3-year period.

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The graduate certificate is completed on a part-time basis. Students undertaking the GSWS graduate certificate while enrolled in a graduate degree program at Temple complete the certificate while fulfilling the requirements for their graduate degree program. NOTE: International students may not be eligible to apply for a student visa based on admission to the certificate program. Please contact the certificate program's administrator for more information.

Job Prospects: The GSWS graduate certificate is a credential that enhances students' prospects in today's highly competitive academic job market by signaling a demonstrated interest in and commitment to diversity and inclusion. Students are able to apply the expertise gained in the certificate program to their scholarly research and teaching interests. Many colleges and universities are looking for job candidates who can both teach mainstream courses in academic departments as well as teach courses that focus on gender and/or sexuality within those departments. All of these factors make the certificate both intellectually enriching and practically useful.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students may take up to 9 credits of coursework before applying to the graduate certificate program.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall and Spring: Applications must be submitted by the end of the add/drop period.

Students currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Temple University apply on the GSWS graduate certificate internal application webpage. Questions should be directed to Heath Fogg Davis, GSWS Program Director, at hfd@temple.edu.

Students not currently enrolled at Temple apply via an external application form. Please contact Stephanie Morawski, GSWS Program Administrator, at morawski@temple.edu for access to the external application form.

Bachelor’s Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: Applicants already admitted to a graduate degree program at Temple University have demonstrated that they possess the required bachelor's degree. Applicants not currently enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program and applicants enrolled in a graduate degree program at another university must submit official transcripts for all coursework taken since high school, whether or not a degree was earned from the institution(s). Evidence of the award of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be shown.
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Additional Requirements for Students Not Currently Enrolled in a Graduate Degree Program at Temple University:

• Two letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the applicant’s academic ability and accomplishments
• A personal statement of no more than 250 words indicating interests, plans, and objectives within the field of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Certificate Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 12

Required Courses:

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1 Students take 6 credits of approved courses focusing on gender and/or sexuality from their own department, if enrolled in a graduate degree program at Temple, or any academic department at Temple University, as identified in the list below. Note that the following list is not exhaustive, and students may request permission to take other gender/sexuality-themed courses on a case-by-case basis.

Approved Electives with a Gender and/or Sexuality Theme

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<td>Seminar in Race, Culture, and Gender in Psychotherapy</td>
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<td>DANC 8872</td>
<td>Educating Dance</td>
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<td>Dance and the Gendered Body: Historical Perspectives</td>
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<td>Gender Issues in Education</td>
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<td>EPBI 8011</td>
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<td>HIST 5231</td>
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<td>KINS 9403</td>
<td>Sociology of Kinesiology</td>
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<td>MLA 5150</td>
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<td>PHIL 5217</td>
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<td>Advanced Human Behavior and the Social Environment - Gender and Sexuality through the Lifespan</td>
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GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate: 3.0 minimum
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Culminating Event:

Research Requirement:
A research requirement must be fulfilled to earn the GSWS graduate certificate:

- Students currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Temple fulfill this requirement by writing a thesis or dissertation that considers gender and/or sexuality in some way. The entirety of the student’s thesis or dissertation might be focused on gender and/or sexuality, or these themes may be central to a single chapter or section.
- Students not enrolled in a Temple University graduate degree program write a research paper as part of their coursework in GSWS 9991 Research Seminar that considers gender and/or sexuality in some way.

Contacts

Certificate Program Web Address:
https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/gender-sexuality-and-women-s-studies-certificate-graduate-la-gsws-grad

Submission Address for Applications for Currently Enrolled Temple University Students:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZNCauCEq-rYfC6-O_T6D6gfN8pR71NT1e7LujMcjBzOg/viewform

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