Students in this concentration study the social construction of gender and sexuality in the United States (along with its intersection with race, class, religion, and age), the economic, political, regulatory and cultural forces and institutions that legitimate and challenge those identity categories, and the actions taken by member of gendered and sexed communities (i.e., all of us) to break down and reinforce boundaries.

Service Learning classes like Intergenerational Activism allow students to engage elderly communities around issues of ageism and sexism and work with them to develop new strategies for resistance.

Students in this concentration will primarily take courses in the departments of Communications, English, Sociology, and Women’s Studies.

This concentration will prepare students to be able to teach college-level Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies courses, to pursue a PhD in Cultural Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Communications, Media Studies, Critical Race Studies, Sociology, or Women’s Studies, and to do work related to civil and human rights, community organizing, social justice, and urban planning and renewal.

SAMPLE COURSES
- Cultural Politics of Masculinity
- Feminist Theory
- Gender & the Media
- Geographies of Gender & Sexuality
- Queer Community Crime & Victimization
- Queers of Color Critique
- Women & Development

FEATURED FACULTY
- DIANE CARMODY: violence against women, domestic violence and sexual assault, juvenile crime, crime in the media
- JENNIFER FISH: women’s labor and migration in the informal economy, transnational activism
- ELIZABETH GROENEVELD: feminist media studies, third- and post-wave feminist publishing
- AMY MILLIGAN: folkloric manifestations of selfhood and identity on the body (hair, tattooing, clothing, etc.), gender, sexuality, and religion
- VANESSA PANFIL: gangs, ethnography, LGBTQ, criminal justice, queer communities, victimization
- AVI SANTO: masculinity, gendering of technology