Learn from faculty attuned to the role gender plays across a large spectrum of disciplines.

Pursue a gender studies major or pair with another subject for a double major.

Discover how to reshape society to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Graduate prepared to take an active role in addressing gender equality.

**why you belong here**

Do you have an interest in activism or politics? Would you like the benefits and opportunities that come from studying at an institution founded for—and eternally committed to—the advancement of gender equity? If so, then the women’s and gender studies program at Chatham University is for you.

Women’s and gender studies is a highly interdisciplinary major that provides a solid foundation of knowledge and analysis of gender issues in societies across the globe. If you enjoy examining current events, politics, media, and gender in history as well as the future, you will relish this major.

The curriculum touches on many different topics through the lens of gender issues, which makes this program a good complement with most other majors, including psychology, English, political science, business, and marketing.

**what you can expect**

As a student of women’s and gender studies, you can expect to gain a profound understanding of how to work toward addressing ongoing political and economic inequalities. You’ll explore how media and marketing construct women and the female body in disempowering ways and learn that feminism is about addressing institutionalized inequality for all people.

Studying women’s and gender at Chatham University can be especially rewarding because issues related to gender and identity are among those at the forefront of Chatham’s mission.
what you will learn

In this program, you’ll delve into the intellectual frameworks, methodologies, and feminist theories that examine gender as a social construct while learning to critically analyze representations of gender in literature and art, in social and political theory and practice, and in the sciences.

You’ll find that the scope of women’s and gender studies at Chatham includes the experiences of people of color and sexual diversity. Our curriculum also includes new and emerging topics of interest, such as women’s health and utilization of the health care system, the complexities of caring, the impact of sexism on men’s lives, the role of women in politics and as crafters of policy, and global connections.

where it will take you

As with all students at Chatham, you will be encouraged to work with faculty to identify, secure, and participate in field placements or internships to enhance your curricular studies and gain firsthand work experience.

After graduation, you could follow any number of paths, which include working for non-profit companies and companies that are attentive to gender equality; working as an activist to address domestic violence, political inequality, and other women’s issues; working for gender equality; or working in politics, especially in terms of all political levels. If you choose to continue your education, your women’s and gender studies degree will be an exceptional foundation for graduate work in related topics, as well as for advanced degrees in law or business.

learn more

Read faculty bios, view major and minor requirements, and discover how you can get involved as a student at chatham.edu/womensstudies.

“Women’s and gender studies is a particularly dynamic course of study here because the University is deeply invested in educating our students as individuals. Faculty members from all departments are committed to producing scholarship and teaching courses with a focus on gender inequality.”

— Dr. Lynne Bruckner, coordinator, women’s and gender studies