

# GENDER STUDIES

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## Program Director

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Gender Studies considers how gender, along with race, class, sexualities, disability and ethnicity, shape access to and exclusion from power in an interdisciplinary context.

The Gender Studies Program takes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning, with courses in numerous departments: English, EGEO, Psychology, History, and Political Science, among others. Relevant to all majors, a minor in Gender Studies prepares students both to interact in a diverse and increasingly global professional world and to understand how our embodied experiences, while personal and individual, are also culturally shaped. In Gender Studies courses, students analyze power structures, gender identities, and culture to promote social change.

## Programs

### Majors

- Interdisciplinary Programs, Bachelor of Science (BS) - Concentration in Gender and Diversity Studies - Rock Studies (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/nonprofit-management-empowerment-diversity-studies/interdisciplinary-programs-bs-concentration-gender-diversity-studies/>)

### Minors

- Gender Studies, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/nonprofit-management-empowerment-diversity-studies/gender-studies-minor/>)

## Courses

### GNDR 115 - Introduction to Gender Studies

Introduction to Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary course that offers a foundation for an intersectional analyses of gender within the context of systems and structures of power and oppression.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Citizenship & Social Problems, Cultural Literacy & Community Building, Human Diversity & Well-Being, Institutions & Human Innovations, Transfer Thread Completion Course

### GNDR 120 - Introduction to the Study of Masculinities

This course proposes to introduce and explore the topic of masculinity as a subject for critical study. In the course, students will read about and discuss how masculinities are constructed, presented and reproduced in media and popular culture. This course is meant for and open to everyone interested in taking a critical approach to the study of gender in societies, with specific focus on how (especially american) masculinities shape and are shaped by identity, culture, media, war, politics and economics.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Summer Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Transfer Thread Completion Course

### GNDR 139 - Foundations of Academic Discovery

Foundations of Academic Discovery serves as the entry point to the Rock Integrated Studies Program. With its strong faculty-student interaction, the course promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence. Through varied content, the course introduces students to academic discourse and information literacy while exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion and global awareness. This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES 2 STUDENT or ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attributes.

### GNDR 180 - Gender and Social Justice

This course focuses broadly on issues of social justice related to gender, as defined in the humanities, to analyze and deconstruct the history, politics, institutional structures, and cultural influences involved in the production of gender as a social justice concern. Each section of this course will focus on several selected topics related to social justice that intersect with issues of gender.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES 2 STUDENT or ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attributes.

### GNDR 190 - Experimental

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

### GNDR 195 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

### GNDR 198 - Selected Topics

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**GNDR 280 - Introduction to Disability Studies**

An introduction to the field of Disability Studies, which rejects medical paradigms and instead analyzes disability as a social, cultural and ideological phenomenon, with an intersectional and interdisciplinary focus on gender, race and socioeconomic status.

Credits: 3

**GNDR 290 - Experimental**

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**GNDR 295 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**GNDR 298 - Selected Topics**

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

**GNDR 340 - Applied Queer Studies**

An introduction to the field of queer studies with an applied focus (on gender, race, disability, age, ethnicity, transactional issues) in an intersectional and interdisciplinary context. The course analyzes the historical, cultural, political and discursive production of LGBTQAI+ identities, heteronormativity as a form of control, and LGBTQAI+ activism and advocacy.

Prerequisite: GNDR 115<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior 1, Senior 2, Sophomore 1 or Sophomore 2.

**GNDR 390 - Experimental**

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 395 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 398 - Selected Topics**

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 400 - Gender Studies and Porn Culture**

Integrating feminist, sociological, media, marketing, neurological, and philosophical perspectives, the course analyzes the social implications of porn consumption, porn production and methods of porn distribution, including technological developments (for example, 3D software development and the use of artificial intelligence in sex dolls). While gender organizes the analytic approaches of the course, it considers other embodied and intersectional identities as well.

Prerequisite: GNDR 115<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Junior 1, Junior 2, Senior 1 or Senior 2.

**GNDR 415 - Feminist Perspectives in the Disciplines**

This course will explore feminist approaches to pedagogy and research in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, highlighting how such approaches reshape and redirect the ways knowledge is constructed as well as the attendant, transformed results.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Human Diversity & Well-Being, Institutions & Human Innovations, Transfer Thread Completion Course, United States in Global Context

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 450 - Gender Studies Internship**

Professional experiences, such as working with the Girl Scouts or state National Organization for Women (NOW), or working in a women's center or abuse/sexual assault center, that will allow students to either apply or function within a feminist framework to understand the complexity of women's lives and contribute to women's opportunities.

Credits: 1-12

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 490 - Independent Study**

Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 495 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

**GNDR 498 - Selected Topics**

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.