The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality coordinates courses and activities that take up gender and sexuality as primary objects of study and categories of analysis. Courses engage these domains in many different ways, including: the study of gender and/or sexuality as historical practice; scientific concept and site of representation; in social movements such as feminism and gay and lesbian liberation; feminist and queer theory; family structures; the gendering of labor force participation; representations of women in literature and the visual arts; intersections of race and gender, transnationalism; and women’s and men’s participation in politics.

Our courses fall under traditional disciplinary rubrics, and use gender and sexuality as categories of analysis to track contemporary transformations in these and other domains of knowledge. We are interested in developing points of comparison within and among diverse areas of organized knowledge, not assuming that gender means the same thing in different disciplines, historical moments, epistemologies, or cultural frameworks. We are also dedicated to fostering debate about the construction and implications of categories of gender difference and sexual identity. Further, we promote engagement with ways that gender and sexuality give us insight into other modes of social organization and change, including transformations of economic and political systems; media public spheres; forms of repression and resistance; modes of production, knowledge and experience; and everyday life.

The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality confers no graduate degrees at this time. It does, however, offer a graduate certificate (https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/academic/grad/certificate.shtml) in Gender and Sexuality Studies for University of Chicago PhD students in any department or students in a variety of Masters level programs, including MAPSS, MSW and all Masters degrees in the Divinity School. The Master of Arts program in the Humanities (MAPH) offers a Gender and Sexuality Option (https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/academic/grad/maph.shtml) that is equivalent to the certificate. We also foster graduate participation in the Center in several other ways. In addition to offering graduate courses, the Center sponsors lectures and symposia of interest to graduate students. It also encourages and supports graduate student initiatives for conferences and speakers, as well as student participation in the governance of the Center. Graduate students also have the opportunity to attend our bi-weekly Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshops (https://voices.uchicago.edu/genderandsexuality/) and/or the Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group (https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/events/workshops.shtml). Each of these provides students with an opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from faculty (the workshop) or fellow students (the working group). We also host the The University of Chicago Law School Workshop on Regulating Family, Sex and Gender (https://www.law.uchicago.edu/workshops/familysexgender/). Each year, the Center offers one or two dissertation completion fellowships, one joint dissertation fellowship with the Center for Race, Politics and Culture, as well as a number of residential fellowships (https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/fellowships/fellowships.shtml). In addition, we hold an annual call for graduate student teaching opportunities (https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/fellowships/teaching.shtml/), including co-teaching our theories or ‘problems’ courses or interning in our Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations sequence. Students who have been co-teachers can also apply to teach an undergraduate level self-designed, free-standing course.

The affiliated faculty (listed below) draw from departments, committees, and professional schools around the University. Members of the faculty support interdisciplinary work in gender and sexuality studies, even when their major course offerings are not directly gender or sexuality studies courses. Faculty also regularly direct master’s theses in the field of gender and sexuality studies within the MAPSS and MAPH programs as well as Ph.D. dissertations in their own departments. Students interested in gender and/or sexuality studies who wish to earn advanced degrees leading to careers in research and teaching should apply for admission to the department in which their chief interest falls.

Please contact Bonnie Kanter, Student Affairs Administrator at the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (773-702-2365; bonniek@uchicago.edu) for specific information regarding courses and programs. More information can also be found on the Center’s website at http://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/.

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