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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 in Gender and Sexuality Studies for University of Chicago doctoral students, and it fosters graduate participation in the center in several other ways. In addition to offering undergraduate and graduate courses and an undergraduate major and minor in gender studies, 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. In addition, many Gender and Sexuality Studies faculty and students participate in the graduate workshops conducted under the auspices of the Council on Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences that engage questions of gender, sexualities and identities including the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop. Each year, the Center offers a dissertation writing fellowship as well as an office space competition at the Center. Problems in the Study of Gender and Problems in the Study of Sexuality (the core undergraduate courses for the program) and Advanced Theories of Sex and Gender (a graduate level theory course) promote collaborative teaching among faculty and graduate students. The Center also offers graduate student teaching opportunities in the form of free standing courses in the College. A library of textual materials related to the curriculum and the workshops, together with information about gender and women’s studies programs at other institutions and funding opportunities for research on women’s and gender studies, is kept in the Gender and Sexuality Studies at 5733 S. University Avenue.

The affiliated faculty draws from departments, committees, and professional schools from around the University. Members of this 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 Sarah Tuohey, Student Affairs Administrator at the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality (773-702-2365; stuohy@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/.