At a large state university like IU, the more personal communities that I was a part of were really impactful for me, especially when considering the relationships that I was able to build with the faculty. Within Gender Studies, I felt like my professors not only gave me avenues for unique and thought-provoking discussions and writings, but they also helped me bridge my passions with my future aspirations.

Connie Lu
BA in Gender Studies
BS in Neuroscience

My Gender Studies professors taught me how to be a global citizen and activist, how to recognize the pitfall of American exceptionalism, how to find the underlying shared humanity that transcends cultural, ideological, and religious differences, and how to see past the imaginary lines that create borders drawn on a piece of paper that value one people over another. Things that we desperately need now.

Keely Green
BA in History
Minor in Gender Studies

GENDER STUDIES is an interdisciplinary department engaged in the study of gender and its intersection with other categories of analysis and identity.

Our curriculum pushes students beyond common sense accounts of gender to examine its complex constructions in different historical periods, various cultural arenas, and varying global processes. Gender Studies draws on disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, media studies, history, literary studies, and biology to offer a diverse set of critical approaches and perspectives.

As a student you will have access to the best scholars in the field, many of whom work closely with the world-famous Kinsey Institute for Sex, Gender and Reproduction.

WITH TWELVE CORE FACULTY MEMBERS, over twenty faculty affiliates from departments across the academic spectrum, and the first Ph.D. in the nation, the Department of Gender Studies gives students an unprecedented opportunity to examine gender and sexuality in a wide variety of institutional and cultural locations.

“WE’LL BE POST-FEMINIST IN THE POST PATRIARCHY.”
**Why Gender Studies?**

Issues of gender and sexuality have been at the forefront of key debates affecting cultures across the globe. The program at Indiana University seeks to develop new approaches to this knowledge and to transform traditional disciplines and fields of study through the incorporation of methods, theories, and frameworks relevant to an analysis of gender across race, class, and sexuality.

**Gender Studies critically examines:**

- The politics of sexuality
- Gendered constructions of knowledge
- The ways in which popular culture imagines gender difference
- Varying theories of gender and sexual identity
- Intersections of gender with race, class, sexuality, ethnicity
- Social movements for gender equity and sexual freedom

**Gender Studies asks:**

- How is gender different from sex?
- Are human gender divisions the product of biology, cultural construction, or both?
- How does gender interact with other “identity markers” such as ethnicity, class, sexuality, nationality, and culture?
- How do popular culture and mass media shape experiences of gender and vice-versa?
- How has gender influenced the development of technology, science, research, and medicine?
- How are concepts of beauty, sexuality, and pornography shaped by gender prescriptions?
- In what ways have debates about gender varied historically and cross-culturally?

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**Major Requirements**

30 credit hours in Gender Studies

**Required Core Courses:**

- G101 – Gender, Culture, and Society
- G300 – Gender Studies: Core Concepts and Key Debates

**Majors choose three of the following six courses:**

- G206 – Gay Histories, Queer Cultures
- G215 – Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*
- G290 – History of Feminist Thought and Practice
- G310 – Representation and the Body
- G335 – Explaining Sex/Gender Differences
- G410 – International Feminist Debates*

*Majors must fulfill the international/non-Western requirement by taking one of the courses denoted by an *

**Majors must include the following:**

- 3 credit hours at the 100-level
- 3 credit hours at the 200-level
- 9 credit hours at the 300/400-level
- 9 additional credit hours at the 400-level

Remaining credit hours may be chosen according to interest and include joint-listed courses.

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**Minor Requirements**

15 credit hours in Gender Studies

- 3 credit hours at the 100-level
- 3 credit hours at the 200/300-level
- 6 credit hours at the 300/400-level
- 3 additional credit hours at the 400-level

*At least one course must have an international/non-Western emphasis (G102, G215, G410, or by petition)

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**Honors Track**

Our Honors Program provides motivated students with GPAs of at least 3.5 in Gender Studies courses and a 3.3 GPA overall an opportunity to pursue their research interests in depth under the close supervision of a faculty member. Students will enroll in a Thesis Reading and Research course (X490) and later in an Honors Thesis course (G499). Honors Theses are evaluated by each student’s faculty mentor and one other faculty member appointed by the Department Chair.

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**Undergraduate Offerings**

- G101 – Gender, Culture, and Society
- G102 – Sexual Politics
- G104 – Topics in the Study of Gender
- G105 – Sex, Gender, and the Body
- G205 – Themes in the Study of Gender
- G206 – Gay Histories, Queer Cultures
- G215 – Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- G225 – Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture
- G230 – Gendered Relations
- G235 – Scientific Understandings of Sex and Gender
- G290 – History of Feminist Thought and Practice
- G300 – Gender Studies: Core Concepts and Key Debates
- G302 – Topics in Gender Studies
- G303 – Knowledge and Sex
- G304 – Constructions of Masculinity
- G310 – Representation and the Body
- G325 – Technologies of Gender
- G335 – Explaining Sex/Gender Differences
- G399 – Regulating Gender
- G410 – International Feminist Debates
- G425 – Gender and Science: The Sexual Politics of Truth
- G430 – Kinsey’s Sexual Behavior in the Human Female (1953): Genealogies and Legacies
- G435 – Health, Sex, and Gender
- G440 – Feminism between Woman Suffrage and the Pill
- G480 – Practicum
- G485 – Gender and Discourse
- G495 – Readings and Research in Gender Studies
- G498 – Critical Issues in Gender Studies
- G499 – Senior Honors Thesis