Our Program
The Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies (CRGS) Department is a welcoming community of students, faculty and staff who collaborate to critique structures of power and to create a more just world. By combining Ethnic Studies, Women’s Studies and Multicultural Queer Studies into one department, CRGS focuses on the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, nation, class and physical ability. At the heart of our major is an examination of relationships of privilege and oppression, the workings of power and forms of resistance. We study urgent social issues at multiple levels, reading personal identity alongside analysis of communities, social institutions, and national and transnational political economies.

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts in CRGS, we also offer minors in Comparative Ethnic Studies, Multicultural Queer Studies and Women’s Studies, as well as a certificate in Women’s Studies. Classes and weekend workshops include:

- Power/Privilege: Race, Class, Gender & Sexuality
- Multi-Ethnic Resistance in the U.S.
- African American Cultural History
- Act to End Sexualized Violence
- Race, Gender & U.S. Law
- US-Mexico Border
- 'Queer' Across Cultures
- Women of Color Feminisms
- Health and Body Politics
- Community Activism
- Transgender Lives & Experiences

CRGS majors graduate with the following competitive career skills:

- Effective and influential written and oral communication skills
- Effective group collaboration
- Attentive and mindful concern for others' thoughts and ideas
- Dynamic and inclusive leadership

CRGS majors graduate with the ability to:

- Find creative solutions to complex problems
- View the world from multiple perspectives
- Understand interpersonal and institutional dimensions of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, age and nationality
- Research, analyze, compile, and present information

Bachelor of Arts
Emphases available in:
- Ethnic Studies
- Multicultural Queer Studies
- Women’s Studies

Minors
- Ethnic Studies (Comparative)
- Multicultural Queer Studies
- Women’s Studies

Certificate of Study
- Women’s Studies

Career Areas
- Education
- Student Affairs
- Community Organizing
- Social Work
- Government & Public Policy
- Social Services
- Nonprofit Work
- Violence Prevention
- Sexual Health Education
- Counseling
- Law
- Health Care
- Journalism
- Wellness Center Work
- Academic Research
- Public Relations
- Human Resources & Business

Career areas listed may require additional education. For more information about careers & employers, see the CRGS Career Guide.

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