

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Why Study WGSS at TCNJ?

The highly regarded Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) at the TCNJ School of Humanities and Social Sciences is a rigorous, personalized academic program with an emphasis on critical thinking, cultural competency, and effective communication in a complex world. One of the earliest and most fully developed programs of its kind nationwide, our WGSS department empowers students to be agents of social change and to thrive in a variety of careers.

Programs of Study

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department offers a WGSS major, a dual major with Education, a minor in WGSS, a minor in Sexuality and Queer Studies, and a Women in Learning and Leadership (WILL) program. Classes are small, discussion-based, and collaborative, fostering a supportive learning community.

Students benefit from:

- Interdisciplinary content and flexible curriculum that easily accommodate
 a double major or one or more minors
- Experiential learning for practical application of skills and knowledge
- Opportunities for global study, community engagement, and activism to broaden experience and perspective
- Close mentorship and first-rate instruction from faculty with diverse expertise

"My WGSS education gave me the ability to articulate the injustices and potential empowerment I already knew existed and helped me to realize my potential as a changemaker."

Megan, WGSS and English

You, the WGSS Community, and the World

WGSS students study and question how gender and sexuality intersect with race, class, and other identities to mold ourselves and our social structures. All students complete internships to put their learnings into meaningful practice, either in the local community or with national or international organizations. Students may choose to pursue collaborative research opportunities with faculty through study abroad or on-campus programs throughout the year or in the summer. There are also several relevant student organizations on campus that welcome involvement.





Passionate, Dedicated Faculty

Our accomplished faculty strive to inspire and empower WGSS students by teaching the skills to lead and work for social justice while supporting the pursuit of deeper individual understanding. Each student has a faculty advisor to help guide and mentor them.

A Degree in WGSS from TCNJ Opens Doors

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department at TCNJ equips students with the skills, experience, and deep perspective to make an impact in a variety of careers. Our graduates have gone on to make a difference in the fields of education, health care, mental health, law, public policy, government, social services, and more.

"WGSS has been an outlet, a source of strength and guidance, and a never-ending supply of growth. Wherever I go from here, my background in WGSS will have a distinct influence."

Jack, biology, WGSS, and public health

Examples of where our students have gone after graduation:

PhD programs in History, Criminology, Physical Therapy MSW programs at Rutgers University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Pittsburgh

Law school at New York University, Pace University, Rutgers University



Take the Next Step

To learn more about the WGSS degree at TCNJ, visit wgs.tcnj.edu or contact us with questions.

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