The Program in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) educates MIT undergraduates on the importance of gender equity, and promotes a broad understanding of gender and its complex intersection with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, ability, religious affiliation, and other categories of identity. Courses offer new perspectives in a variety of subjects relating to historical and contemporary questions of gender and sexuality as manifested in the US and across the globe. WGS faculty come from multiple entities across the Institute including Anthropology, Architecture, Comparative Media Studies/Writing, Global Studies and Languages, History, Linguistics and Philosophy, Literature, Political Science, and Science, Technology and Society.

Undergraduates can choose a concentration or a minor in WGS and can petition for a major departure in WGS. The curriculum includes a core subject, Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, and a selection of subjects from many departments at the Institute. Special independent study topics and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) projects can be arranged.

Graduate students may receive graduate credit in designated WGS subjects, and may also enroll in courses offered through the Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies.

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