The Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) attracts some of the sharpest minds and most dedicated hearts that desire social change in the interest of equality and liberation across gender, race, sexuality, ability, and nationality differences. WGSS students are taught by a diverse faculty, and course offerings reflect the department’s commitments to intersectionality, interdisciplinarity, and social justice, with topics ranging from women’s health, to media studies, to transnational and global perspectives, to LGBTQ Studies. The Master of Arts in WGSS prepares students to become change agents in whatever career path they choose, such as doctoral studies, K-12 education, community organizing, non-profit leadership, public policy, social work, law, health, and communications.

Opportunities for Master of Arts in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies are:

Feminist Pedagogy & Community Engagement
Professional Development in National, International, and Regional Conferences
Final Projects Tailored to Fit Individual Students’ Talents and Interests

“I FOUND MY OWN VOICE ALONGSIDE THE VOICES OF OTHER WOMEN OF THE WORLD IN WGSS”
YALDA HAMIDI, MA 2014

Sexuality Intersectionality Graduate Hangout (S.I.G.H.)
Graduate students in the department founded S.I.G.H., a graduate student organization, in order to develop events of their interest and to foster meaningful intellectual and social relationships. Initiatives that may be launched under the auspices of S.I.G.H. include conferences, film screenings, speaker series, and other activities supported by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at the University at Albany.
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“I AM CONSTANTLY AMAZED AT HOW MY WGSS EDUCATION HAS PREPARED ME FOR MY CURRENT CAREER. MY UNAPOLOGETIC STANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND CENTERING MARGINALIZED VOICES ARE ALL CORE VALUES OF WGSS.”

SHANTALA THOMPSON, MA 2011

CONNECTED TO THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

You’ll find graduates of the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program in a number of settings, including:

COMMUNITY AGENCIES SUCH AS: 

Women’s Health Centers, Domestic Violence Agencies and Shelters, Rape Crisis Centers, LGBTQ Community and Advocacy Centers, Reproductive Rights Organizations, Environmental and Public Interest Non-Profits, Alternative Media Projects, and Social and Racial Justice Groups

CAMPUS BASED WOMEN’S AND LGBTQ RESOURCE CENTERS

DIVERSITY EDUCATION

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The Graduate School at the University at Albany offers an online step-by-step guide to the application process. This resource provides detailed information for both domestic and international students, and includes forms, deadlines, requirements and fees.

www.albany.edu/graduate/apply

Student consumer information, including non-discriminatory policies, safety and security, Clery Act, etc., can be found at http://www.albany.edu/in/tk