Gender & Women’s Studies PhD Program

Concentration in Political Science

The political science concentration provides PhD students with theoretical and methodological training at the intersection of gender and politics. The concentration will equip students with the feminist and LGBTQ+ theoretical frameworks as well as the methodological tools (qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods) necessary to conduct cutting edge research on gendered political processes in the US and cross-nationally. Students are expected to complete 8 credits of graduate work in the political science department that include courses on the profession of political science, research methods, a 3 credit core course in either feminist political theory or gender and politics, and 6-7 credit hours of additional, graduate-level elective classes in political science.

Core GWS faculty:

Keisha Lindsay (GWS/Political Science)

**Fields:** Black feminist theories, black masculinities, and gender-based politics in the African diaspora

Annie Menzel (GWS)

**Fields:** Race, gender, and reproductive politics and practices in North America; Black political though; feminist political theory and queer theory

Courses:

Political Science 800: Political Science as a Discipline and Profession (1 credit)
Political Science 811: Introduction to Statistical Computing in Political Science (1 credit)
Political Science 812: Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science (3 credit)
Political Science 813: Multivariable Statistical Inference for Political Research (3 credit)
Political Science 919: Qualitative Methods (3 credit)
Political Science & GWS 933: Feminist Political Theory (3 credit)
Political Science 948: Gender and Politics (3 credit)

Course Requirements:

Students who are pursuing a concentration in Political Science must complete:

A) 8 credits of Graduate Work in the Political Science Department including:
   1. Political Science 800: Political Science as a Discipline and Profession (1 credit)
   2. Political Science 811/812: Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science (4 credits)

B) 3 Core Course Credits
   1. Political Science 948: Gender and Politics (3 credit) OR
   2. Political Science/GWS 933: Feminist Political Theory (3 credits)
C) 6-7 credit hours of additional, graduate-level elective classes in political science as follows:

1. A 500+ level Political Science/GWS course offered for advanced undergraduates and graduate students such as 533: The Science and Politics of Reproductive Health
2. An additional methods/methodology course. Examples include:
   i. Political Science 813: Multivariable Statistical Inference for Political Research
   ii. Political Science 817: Empirical Methods of Political Inquiry
   iii. Political Science 839: Methods of Political Theory
   iv. Political Science 919: Seminar-Advanced Methodology
   v. Political Science 919: Qualitative Methods

D) Advisor from the Political Science concentration core faculty in GWS

E) Completion of preliminary examinations with at least one area focused on political science

F) Completion of a dissertation on a topic that is relevant and legible to the field of political science.