

Department of Gender & Women's Studies Ph.D. Program

Health Concentration

Description:

The Health Concentration provides Ph.D. students with theoretical and methodological training at the intersection of gender, sexuality, and health. The concentration equips students with key intersectional feminist, LGBTQ+ studies, and critical race frameworks as well as the methodological tools necessary to conduct cutting-edge research on gender, sexuality, and health in the US and transnationally. Concentration faculty offer particular strengths in the history, politics, and practices of reproductive health and healthcare; sexual coercion and abuse; gendered aspects of human and nonhuman health; health and environmental racism; medical history and history of science; global and planetary health; psychological and environmental anthropology; political theories of care and health; the politics of birth and birthwork; reproductive justice, abortion, contraception, and legacies of population control; sociology of medicine and reproductive healthcare, and the sociology of race, class, gender, and health. This concentration offers three options or areas of specialization: 1) Gender and Health: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches; 2) Gender and Health: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities or 3) Dual Degree in Public Health.

Core GWS Faculty:

Sara Chadwick (GWS and Psychology)

Fields: gray area sexual coercion and abuse; sexuality; orgasm; masculinity; sexual desire; mixed methods

Ruth Goldstein (GWS)

Fields: gendered aspects of human and nonhuman health, a quickly heating planet, and environmental racism

Judith Houck (GWS and History)

Fields: research at the intersection of gender and women's studies, medical history, and history of science

Maria Lepowsky (GWS and Anthropology)

Fields: intersections of gender and women's studies with medical anthropology, global health, planetary health, psychological anthropology, and history of science

Annie Menzel (GWS)

Fields: political theory, focusing on understanding how white supremacy, colonization, and gender-based oppression shape human reproductive life, health, and care

Leigh Senderowicz (GWS and Obstetrics & Gynecology)

Fields: Gender and global health, feminist demography, sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, mixed research methods

Kelly Ward (GWS and Sociology)

Fields: sociology of medicine, reproductive healthcare, and the sociology of race, class, and gender

Course Requirements:

1. All students pursuing the Health concentration must complete 15 credits of coursework.
2. **All GWS Health Concentration courses must have the 50% graduate attribute or a 700+ course number.**

Option 1: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches to Health Research

Students who pursue a concentration in Gender and Health: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches, must complete 15 credits of coursework as described below:

1. Two of the following graduate quantitative methods courses in Sociology, Political Science, or Psychology - Poli Sci 812 and 813 or Sociology 361 and 362 or Psych 610 and 710. Students may enroll in other social science stats sequences/courses with written approval from the Director of Graduate Studies.

OR

Two graduate-level qualitative methods courses (must have a 50% graduate attribute or a 700+ course number) in the social sciences. These courses include but are not limited to Anthropology 909: Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology and Sociology 754: Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology)

2. Elective courses, totaling 9 credits, from among the following.

ANTHRO 365:	Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 545:	Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 919:	Anthropology and International Health
SOC 750	Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 754	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 773	Intermediate Classical Theory
SOC/ POP HEALTH 797	Introduction to Epidemiology
GEN&WS 950:	Gender and Health

Option 2: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities

Students who pursue a concentration in Gender and Health: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities, must complete 15 credits of coursework from among the following courses:

ANTHRO 365	Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 545	Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 919	Anthropology and International Health
ComArts 317	Rhetoric and Health
Gen&WS 523	Framing Fatness: Gender, Size, Constructing Health
Gen&WS 524	Race, Health, and Medicine (to be approved)
Gen&WS 527	The Environment of the Womb: Epigenetics and Parental/Child Health (to be approved)
Gen&WS 530	Biology and Health
Gen&WS 533	Special Topics in Gender and Biology
Gen&WS 534	Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction: Public Health Perspectives
Gen&WS 535	Women's Global Health and Human Rights
Gen&WS/HisSci 537	Childbirth in the United States
Gen&WS 538	Special Topics in LGBTQ+ Health
Gen&WS 539	Special Topics in Gender and
HealthJourn/Com Arts 617	Health Communication in the Information Age
MedHis/His 564	Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin American and the Caribbean
MedHis/Phil 505	Justice and Health Care
Med His/Phil 558	Ethical Issues in Health Care
Med His/Gen&WS/HisSci 531	Women and Health in US History
Med His/His/AfroAm 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health
MedHis/HisSci 509	Development of Public Health in America
MedHis/HisSci/His 507	Health, Disease, and Healing I
MedHis/HisSci/His 508	Health, Disease, and Healing II
Public Health Ethics 515	Public Health Ethics

Option 3: Dual Degree in Public Health

Students interested in pursuing this option must apply and gain acceptance to UW-Madison's M.A in Public Health (MPH) program in the School of Medicine and Public Health. Students who complete the MPH while enrolled in or prior to enrolling in the Gender and Women's Studies' Ph.D. program will automatically fulfill the Health Concentration for the latter. Some courses taken in the GWS Ph.D. Program may meet elective requirements for the MPH degree.