

# WOMEN'S and GENDER STUDIES

*“Women’s and Gender Studies helped me find my voice within academia. It empowered and encouraged me to be an agent in my academic life, and continues to inspire and motivate me in all aspects of my life.”*

- Brigitte



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS). A minor is also available. Women’s and Gender Studies is an important interdisciplinary field of inquiry that arose from the efforts to understand gender roles and women’s historic struggle for justice throughout the world. The Women’s and Gender Studies Department explores the diverse experiences, contributions, and perspectives of women and men, offers an interdisciplinary approach to the examination of the cultural construction of gender, and provides a feminist critique of dominant power relationships in the global community (familial, social, economic, and political), as well as an opportunity to manifest Berea College’s commitment to gender equity.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- WGS students have special opportunities to participate in events at the Women’s and Gender Non-Conforming Center, home of the Gender Talk series.
- Peggy Keon Internship Scholarships allow WGS students to pursue internships across

the globe. Those internships have included YWCA, medical clinics, New Opportunity School for Women, and Ms. Magazine.

- Gender Talks are a regular luncheon lecture series on issues of gender and culture. Distinguished scholars visit campus throughout the year.
- WGS majors attend the annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association and make presentations at this event and other academic conferences in the region.

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea Women’s and Gender Studies graduates find employment or continue their studies in a variety of fields and occupations, including but not limited to:

- Business
- Child Advocacy
- Community organizing
- Counseling
- Ph.D programs in Women’s and Gender Studies, Sociology, Psychology and Education
- Public Policy
- Social Work
- Union Organizing



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
*Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies*