



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

PhD in Feminist Studies

***Students graduating with a PhD in Feminist Studies should be able to:***

*(Items listed in italics are considered highly desirable outcomes but are not required for degree completion.)*

*Core Knowledge*

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- Demonstrate general knowledge of feminist theory and scholarship consistent with that needed to teach and conduct research at the university level.
- Demonstrate specialized knowledge of scholarship and theory in and across one or more emphasis areas -- race and nation, genders and sexualities, or productive and reproductive labors -- sufficient to carry out substantive independent research in the field of emphasis.

*Research Methods and Analysis*

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- Identify the range of methods typically used in feminist research and their underlying epistemology (methodology) and critically read research that uses this range of research methods.
- Frame an original research project guided by theory and prior research.
- Design and implement a study using appropriate and ethical methods and data collection techniques.
- Critically evaluate and systematically analyze data to come up with appropriate findings and interpretations.
- Follow feminist research ethics.

*Pedagogy*

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- Design high-quality undergraduate and graduate courses in the field of feminist studies, including appropriate goals, reading or audiovisual materials, assignments, and sequencing.
- Communicate effectively in various pedagogical settings, such as lectures, discussions, and seminars.
- Identify and effectively use suitable digital media for instruction when appropriate.
- Assess students effectively and fairly.

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## University of California, Santa Barbara Program Learning Outcomes, continued

### *Scholarly Communication*

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- Structure a coherent academic argument that rigorously presents and evaluates evidence to support claims.
- Review and cogently synthesize relevant literature.
- Utilize an authorial voice.
- Write in a level and style of English consistent with that found in leading academic journals.
- Properly use styles of citing, referencing, and formatting found in feminist research outlets.
- Make clear and cogent oral presentations, including effective use of digital media when appropriate.
- *Cogently summarize their research and its significance for non-specialist audiences.*

### *Professionalism*

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- Select appropriate conference venues for their research and present conference papers when possible.
- Prepare for publication manuscripts that meet the standards of specific feminist research journals and respond appropriately to recommendations for revision, as appropriate.
- Select appropriate fellowship or grant opportunities and prepare competitive proposals.
- Make effective contributions to department, university, community, and profession.

### *Independent Research*

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- Develop and conduct their own research projects that meet high standards of theoretical and methodological rigor.
- Produce scholarship that is comparable in scope and format to articles and books that appear in leading peer-reviewed journals and presses in the field of feminist studies.