

University of California, Santa Barbara Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Feminist Studies

Students graduating with a B.A. in Feminist Studies should be able to:

Discipline-Specific Knowledge

- Distinguish different forms of feminisms and feminist theories.
- Explain the ways various social factors (such as sex, gender, race/ethnicity, sexuality, class, nationality, disability) shape individual identity, social position, and power relations.
- Define key terms, including gender, sexuality, social constructionism, intersectionality.
- Use feminist perspectives to analyze contemporary global, economic, political, cultural, and social issues.

Research Skills

- Distinguish appropriate methods to address different research questions.
- Produce an original research proposal or paper.
- Use the library and online resources to identify and locate information.

Critical Thinking Skills

- Distinguish different disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to questions and issues in the field of Feminist Studies.
- Identify and summarize an author's argument.
- Evaluate the use of evidence to support an argument.
- Identify points of agreement and disagreement among conflicting interpretations.
- Use evidence to support an argument.
- Develop an analysis that incorporates appropriate evidence.

Presentation Skills

- Produce written or visual artifacts in a variety of genres.
- Present information in lucid, grammatically correct prose.
- Organize an analytical essay that sustains an argument.