

IDENTIFY YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Remember your research interests may evolve over time, so take your time in choosing an area. Explore different options, seek advice, and research projects or mentors as part of the process.

Talk with Professors & Advisors:

Discuss your interests with professors and academic advisors for guidance on potential research areas.

Reflect on Your Passions & Interests:

Think about topics that genuinely excite you. Pay attention to the academic material and media that capture your attention.

Network & Collaborate:

Join student organizations and connect with peers to explore new research topics and collaborations.

Participate in Seminars & Workshops:

Attend research presentations to engage with experts and help narrow your focus.

Consider Your Career Goals:

Identify the skills and knowledge you need to pursue your desired career and align your research interests with those goals.

Developing Your Research Interest in Women's & Gender Studies

Building on your initial interest, there are many ways to expand your research into a well-rounded project. WGST offers diverse topics for exploration, including **Gender Inequality, Queer Theory, Feminist Theory, Intersectionality, Social Movements, Reproductive Rights, Gender-Based Violence, Global Feminism, and Gender & Work**. Your research can evolve from a core idea into interconnected subjects, opening up various directions.

For example, if you're interested in **Sexuality and Identity**, this can lead to multiple research paths:

Queer Theory: Explore the fluidity of sexual identity and how LGBTQ+ individuals navigate their identities across cultures and history.

Intersectionality: Examine how sexual identity intersects with race, class, gender, and nationality, shaping experiences of privilege and marginalization.

Social Movements & Gender: Investigate how LGBTQ+ rights movements influence gender movements and address issues like non-binary gender recognition and sexual minority rights.

Global Feminism: Study how feminist movements worldwide approach sexuality and sexual identity, shaped by cultural, religious, and political contexts.

Gender-Based Violence: Analyze the role of sexual identity in experiences of violence and discrimination, and frameworks for protection across identities.

Reproductive Rights: Explore the connection between reproductive rights and sexual identity, focusing on LGBTQ+ access to healthcare and family planning.