Women’s and Gender Studies, M.A. and Law, J.D. Dual Degree 2023-2024

Women’s and Gender Studies, M.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ma/)

Accreditation
Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

Program Highlights
• While taking courses through both Saint Louis University School of Law (https://www.slu.edu/law/) and the women’s and gender studies department (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/women-gender-studies/), students develop research projects that focus on how law and legal policies intersect with gendered social institutions and practices.
• By pursuing both degrees concurrently, students acquire a broader context for advocating for gender equality in law and policy, along with the distinct analytical training and skill set to navigate the legal system.
• Through the SLU LAW Legal Clinics, students can gain first-hand experience representing clients who otherwise would not be able to afford a lawyer, working on civil and human rights issues, employment discrimination, prison/sentencing injustice, and municipal ordinance violations and more. Students also have the opportunity to assist female entrepreneurs, small business owners and neighborhoods in ways that contribute to the good of the local community.

Dual J.D./M.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies students at SLU acquire skills applicable to a variety of settings, including:
• Advocating for the rights of women and other disadvantaged groups
• Helping survivors of gender-based violence
• Working in local and national feminist legal organizations
• Practicing law with a clear understanding of how gender issues interconnect with public and private policies

Careers
Attorneys with an M.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies are well-equipped to work as nonprofit leaders, lobbyists, judges, public defenders and more. They may work in advocacy on behalf of women and other disadvantaged groups or on behalf of victims of gender-based violence or choose to practice in fields such as employment law, family law, immigration law, health policy/health law, elder law and public interest law. Graduates may also pursue professional opportunities to expand diversity and representation in the legal profession or higher education.

Programs
For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Law, J.D. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/education/juris-doctor/)