The field of Gender and Women's Studies stands at the vanguard of interdisciplinary studies, supporting discipline-specific studies, such as History, English, Theology, Public Administration, and Communication, and providing the critical tools that can help you navigate the real world. In the globally diverse, media-saturated world of tomorrow, professionals with the capability to manage the shifting landscape of gender and sexuality will be essential.

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