JD/MA Program in 
Women, Gender, and 
Sexuality Studies

The JD/MA joint-degree program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) offers a theoretically rigorous and critical-justice–oriented study of the ways gender, race, and sexuality influence and are shaped by legal institutions and agencies. The goal of the program is to prepare students to work effectively in diverse institutions and agencies.

How Long Does It Take to Earn a JD/MA in WGSS?

The JD/MA takes four years to complete; this is one year less than if both degrees were completed separately. Students must comply with the admission requirements for both degree programs. The equivalent of five semesters (earning 86 credits, 9 of which may be completed in WGSS) are spent at the Law School, and three semesters (earning 32 credits, 9 of which may be completed in Law) are spent in the Department of WGSS in Arts & Sciences. Students who start in the Law School are welcome to apply to the joint program during their first year and, if accepted, to begin the joint program during their second year of school.

Who Should I Contact for Additional Information?

- Email the Law School Admissions Office at applylaw@wustl.edu or call (314) 935-4525.
- For questions related to tuition and financial aid, please email Carrie Burns, Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Student Services, at cjburns@wustl.edu or call (314) 935-4605.
- For questions related to registration and residency or other course requirements, please email Sarah Hellin, Registrar, at sarah.hellin@wustl.edu or call (314) 935-7458.
- For questions about academic advising, please email Elizabeth Walsh, Associate Dean of Student Services, at ewalsh@wustl.edu or call (314) 935-5861.
- For questions about WGSS, please call Donna Kepley at (314) 935-5102.