

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS  
GENDER, SEXUALITY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM  
2023-2024 GSW HONORS PROGRAM CHECKLIST

PREPARING FOR YOUR APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Meet w/Proposed Thesis Advisor

Prior to submitting your application, you will need to identify a faculty member in GSW that may serve as your Proposed Thesis Advisor and meet with them to request their sponsorship/guidance. If your Proposed Thesis Advisor is unfamiliar with your work, we recommend you provide an example of your best 8-10 pages of written work from any upper division GSW course, preferable one that shows your ability to analyze and to evaluate sources. If your only example is more than 10 pages, then choose 10 pages and append a note indicating how you edited it down to the 10 pages. During the meeting you and your Proposed Thesis Advisor will have an opportunity to discuss your research interest and proposed thesis/project topic.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Application submissions are accepted May 2023 to December 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 Academic Year. Students working towards the traditional 3 quarter program are encouraged to apply prior to the start of Fall 2023. Students working towards the accelerated 2 quarter program are required to apply no later than December 1, 2023.

**A complete application for the GSW Honors Program requires:**

- 1. GSW Honors Program Application Form**
- 2. Thesis/Project Proposal** - approximately two-three pages, completed in consultation with your proposed adviser. This should be a well-thought-out proposal. You will not be held to it rigidly, but the difficulties and the analytical approach should be made clear, and the advisor and student should both agree that this is a good project, and that the student is able to execute it.

Applications must be submitted via email to [gsw-advising@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gsw-advising@ucdavis.edu).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Admission to the program is determined based on a combination of the following factors:

- Overall academic performance based on the most recent transcript
- Academic performance in the major
- The quality of the thesis proposal
- The recommendation of your advisor

The Thesis Deadline is Monday, June 3, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. to your GSW Thesis Advisor. Please also submit electronic copy to [gsw-advising@ucdavis.edu](mailto:gsw-advising@ucdavis.edu) for archives.