Race, Class & Gender

What It Is

This track involves a critical study of economics with a focus on gender disparity, racial and ethnic disparities, poverty, and policy. We take an interdisciplinary approach to examining ways in which gender, race, and ethnicity, as culturally defined concepts, affect the economy, as well as how the economy affects people differently. We also investigate disparities in socioeconomic indicators such as education, labor market outcomes, housing, and wealth.

Central Topics

- Social constructions of race and gender
- Feminist economics
- Stratification & discrimination
- Economies of care

Complementary Minors

- Women & Gender Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Political Science
- Communications

Picture Your Future

A critical analysis of race, class, and gender is often taken up by those who have an interest in social justice work. You might see yourself:

- working for a women’s rights or civil rights organization
- consulting for a global organization, e.g. the UN
- working for a policy research firm

Courses

In the race, class and gender track, you will choose three of these courses (9 credits) as part of your economics electives.

- ECON 211 Gender in the Economy
- ECON 212 Racial Inequality and Discrimination
- ECON 310 Poverty and the Welfare State
- ECON 317 Population Economics
- ECON 410 Labor Economics