Academics

UPS strives to include diverse identities in our curriculum, including LGBTQ+ voices and history. The foremost department to do this is Gender and Queer Studies (GQS), which is now a major and a minor at UPS. This department addresses questions like: what does it mean to “queer” a topic? Why should you ask about people’s pronouns? How can we bring gender, feminist, and queer studies into our everyday lives, including activism and movements for social change? GQS explores interdisciplinary ideas and theories that apply across the university. GQS studies topics like masculinity, the history of feminisms, the pay gap, sexual violence,
body image, asexuality, activism, and intersex and transgender issues. To find interdisciplinary GQS courses, go to "class search by term" on My Puget Sound, choose "Interdisciplinary Program" for course attribute and "Gender Queer Studies" for course attribute value. Some other interdisciplinary classes at UPS include (For fall 2020): LTS 375 - Queer-Latinx: Art, Sex, and Belonging in America, CONN 354 - Hormones, Sex, Society, & Self and SOAN 304 - Gender and Sexuality in Japan.
Career & Employment Services helps LGBTQ+ job seekers find fulfilling work on- and off campus. We connect you to a diverse Logger alumni community through events like Career Conversations and Take a Logger to Work. Visit pugetsound.edu/ces for identity-specific career resources and speaker events!

Counseling Health and Wellness Services provides STI testing, and a number of peer support groups, including a confidential peer support group for LGBTQ+ students. Students already prescribed with and continuing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) may visit CHWS for medical support.
Spaces on Campus

The Student Diversity Center and the Social Justice Center (both located on N. 13th St. near N. Lawrence St.) conduct student-directed activities for marginalized and/or underrepresented groups, and serve as gathering spaces for student-run clubs pertaining to identity, diversity, and equity-centered causes.

There are at least 15 gender inclusive bathrooms on campus. They are marked with signs that say “All-Gender Restroom” and are searchable on the online Campus Map. The All-Gender Restroom in the Student Diversity Center includes a shower that can be reserved by emailing yellowhouse@pugetsound.edu.
Housing

Students who identify as transgender, non-binary, gender non-conforming, or genderqueer are invited to tell Residence Life in their own words their gender identity. Every attempt is made to match students to housing that fits their unique and individual needs as they relate to their personal gender identity and expression. Residence Life has many themed housing options. One of these is trans/non-binary housing which has included an on-campus house and/or a Trimble Suite.
These residences can be as public or private as the residents prefer and are under the advisement and mentorship of a staff member trained and well versed in current best practice in supporting trans and non-binary students. Each of these communities is composed of single rooms with shared bathroom facilities. Special care is taken in the hiring process for the student staff Resident Community Coordinator (RCC) responsible for this community. Information about signing up for trans, non-binary housing comes out in November each year. If you have questions, please contact reslife@pugetsound.edu.
University Chaplaincy

A resource offering support to all students, including those of spiritual or religious backgrounds and those who find meaning in other approaches to the world. In addition to hosting events and programs, Chaplain Dave Wright is available to meet with students and student clubs to engage the connections between belief and practice. The Chaplaincy is explicitly committed to being an affirming and inclusive space, support system, and reliable advocate for LGBTQ+ students and students from all minoritized and historically underrepresented backgrounds. The Kilworth Memorial Chapel is proud to host LGBTQ+ weddings and ceremonies.
PRISM is a student run organization that focuses efforts on spreading awareness and knowledge to those in the LGBTQ+ community. They strive to advocate for LGBTQ+ communities and others who struggle to be seen.

WETLANDS MAGAZINE is Puget Sound's submission-based Gender Studies Literary & Arts Publication dealing with issues of gender, identity, sexuality, politics, and intersectionality.

Drag Radically Approaching Gender (DRAG) club is a space for trans and queer people to express themselves and experiment with gender. Meets weekly and hosts two drag shows every school year. Contact inosek@pugetsound.edu with any questions.
Campus Involvement, Efforts & Events

BRAVE (Bystander Revolution Against Violence) is a coordinator position through the Division of Student Affairs that sponsors Take Back the Night in both Fall and Spring semesters each year.

LAVENDER GRADUATES celebrates and recognizes the unique successes and challenges met by LGBTQ+ students during their time at Puget Sound.

LGBT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP recognizes and awards educational funding to students who have demonstrated leadership and involvement in LGBTQ+ communities on campus.

TRANSGENDER ADVOCACY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE is comprised of students, staff, and faculty who take an active role and share in the responsibility of examining what Puget Sound is doing as a campus community to address transgender inclusion in all aspects of campus life.
Community Resources

Tacoma T-Men
2215 Pacific Ave., Tacoma
transmen@rainbowcntr.org
A discussion group for transmen

Cedar River Clinics
1401-A Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma
(253) 473-6031

Rainbow Center
2215 Pacific Ave., Tacoma
info@rainbowcntr.org

Pride Counseling NW
3218 6th Ave., Tacoma
(253) 201-0203

Oasis Youth Center
2215 Pacific Ave., Tacoma
oasis@oasisyouthcenter.org

Gender Alliance of the South Sound
2215 Pacific Ave., Tacoma
contact@southsoundgender.com

Trans Lifeline
(877) 565-8860

Hudson’s FTM Resource Guide
http://www.ftmguide.org/
THE CENTER FOR STUDENT SUPPORT

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