

**GENDER COMPREHENSIVE EXAM READING LIST**  
**SOCIOLOGY (PHD)**  
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**MAJOR**

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### Selected Topic (5-10)

Most people who study gender end up focusing on a particular topical area. For example, they may become an expert at Domestic Violence, Pornography, Women in the Media, Rape, Transgendered experiences, Homelessness and Women, Gender and Health, Women in Politics, or Female Offenders, to name just a few possibilities. No one is expected to be an expert on all these topics. However, part of developing as an independent scholar is to become more informed about what is known in the field about a topic you are interested in. While some of this may be factual in nature, it is more important to focus on understanding your topic theoretically and how / why it is an important topic in the study of gender.

Therefore, your task for this section is to select a specific area of gender that you are interested in and find 5-10 articles or books that allow you to start to develop your expertise in this area. While it may be useful to find one or two classic pieces on your topic, it is more important to focus on recent research.