



WOMEN-IN-ACTION PROGRAM

The **WIA Program** introduces women-identified and gender expansive high school students to gender studies and feminism as a theoretical, academic discipline and as a **practical, actionable** way of life!

When you join WIA, you are part of a **cohort of 4-8 students**, moving through the program together.

WIA gives students the tools to make their perspectives and voices heard through small group discussions on current topics in gender equity, 1:1 mentoring that helps students identify their personal values, and access to speakers/workshops that build a supportive network of women who will help position them for future success in college and beyond.

NEW COHORTS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, MARCH & JUNE

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Online Course (2 Months)
- Special WIA Workshops
- Summer Mentoring
- Share Your Voice
- Young Women's College Tour *

**Optional Add-On*



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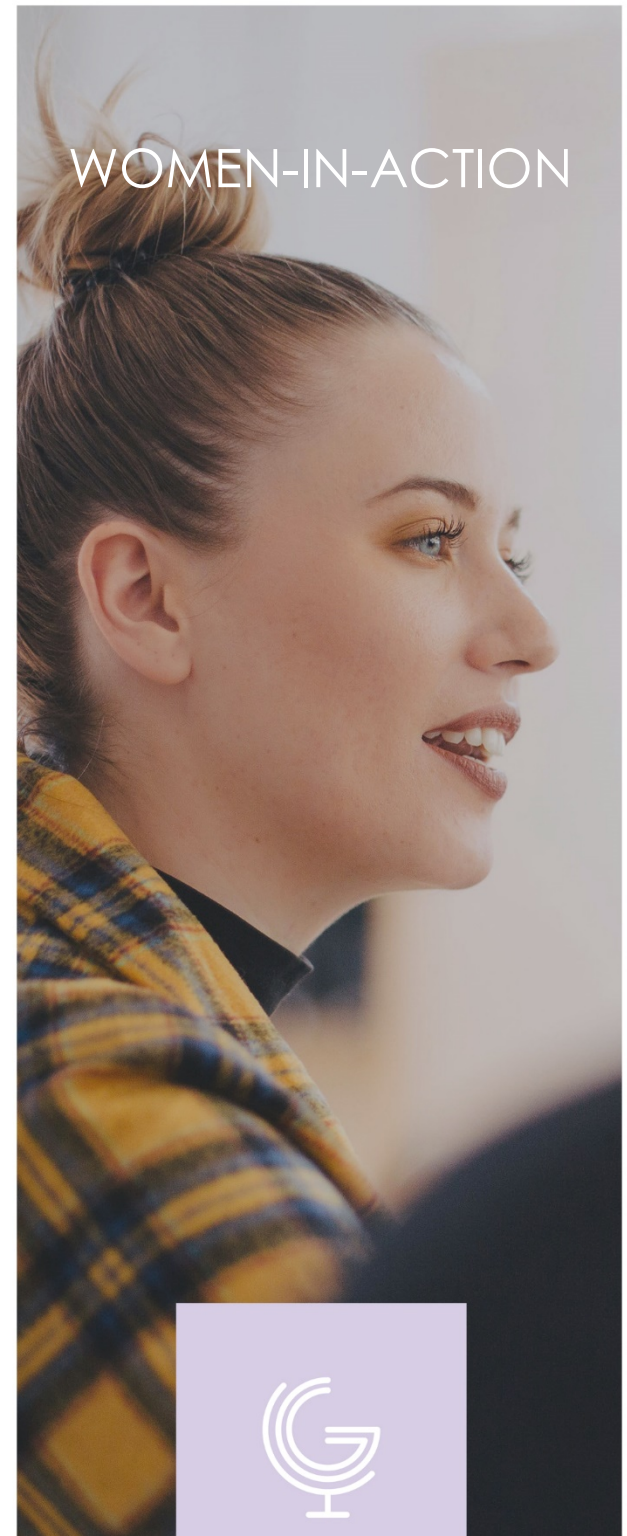
We take an empowering,
women-centered approach
to the college prep, search
and application process.



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WIA PROGRAMS

ONLINE COURSE

2 MONTHS

Meet 1x/week to explore ideas in gender studies and social justice (1.5 – 2 hours per class, 1-hour prep required outside of class.)

Online Course Weekly Topics:

- Gender & Feminist Theory 101
- Intersectionality + Global Perspectives
- Gender & Sexuality
- Feminist Storytelling
- Body Politics, Art & Media
- Sexual Harassment & Assault
- Strength in Numbers + Activism

SPECIAL WIA WORKSHOPS

Real Talk, Women's Colleges

Discuss the pros and cons of attending a women's college in the U.S. with an Admission Officer.

Like a Boss: Women Professionals Across Industry

We invite women leaders in YOUR specific field(s) of interest to come share their stories, offer advice about making the most of your time in high school/college, and what women's leadership looks like within their respective fields.

Women's Empowerment Self-Defense

Every person has the right to defend themselves: physically, mentally, and emotionally. We partner with **Voice of a Warrior** to explore the what, why, and how of self-defense - including learning about the continuum of violence, boundary setting strategies, awareness of common perpetrator behaviors, and simple but effective physical self-defense techniques.

SUMMER MENTORING

Work 1:1 with a WIA advisor to find a meaningful summer opportunity that shows you what women's rights and social justice movements look like in real life.

- Worldwide summer programs related to gender equality & women's empowerment
- Summer programs at women's colleges
- Summer placement at organizations or divisions within larger companies advocating for women's equality and interests

SHARE YOUR VOICE

Anytime after you finish the online course, work 1:1 with a professional writer to publish work based on an idea or experience you had during your WIA year. We will help you develop your idea and find the appropriate media outlet to share your perspective with a wider audience. Past participants have published: op-eds, short stories, illustrated comics, academic research papers, short films, songs and podcasts.

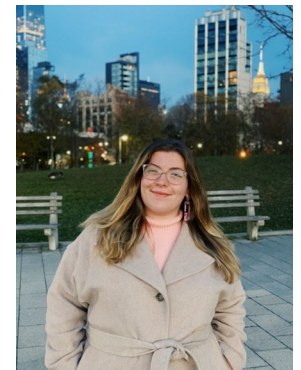
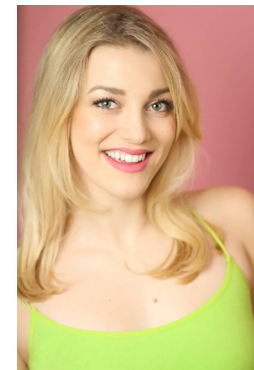


Instructor: Dr. Elline Lipkin (she/her/hers) is a writer, editor and academic - but not always in that order. She has taught Gender & Girls' Studies at UC Berkeley, Scripps College, Creative Writing at Chapman University, and has guest lectured

at UCLA and USC. Her writing is featured across dozens of publications, and includes the award-winning books *The Errant* and *Girls' Studies*.

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Guest Speakers



We also have two guest speakers - a regular Saturday Night Live performer, writer and comic Jana Bernard (Feminist Storytelling through Comedy) and Lauren Linn - a psychotherapist (Body Politics).