

READY

Register to Vote

Some states offer day-of registration, but in most states you must register prior to voting - usually 30 days before Election Day. You have the right to register and vote where you go to school, even if you don't intend to reside there permanently. We urge students to register to vote where they will be living on Election Day so there is no chance of missing the opportunity to vote. You may be able to download a voter registration form online. You can register at your local elections office, state motor vehicle offices and public libraries. You will need to present a photo ID and proof of address in order to register. You can also submit your registration form through the mail. Make your vote count in the state where you live!

Decide How to Vote

Check out the candidates and the issues by paying attention to the information presented by organizations you trust, the media, and candidate debates. You can also find an abundance of information on candidates and issues on the internet. Check out www.vote-smart.org or www.vote411.org. Talking with friends and family can be helpful too, but make sure to make your own decision on who to vote for. Once you're at the polls, it's up to you!

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Election Day Rights

As a voter, you are guaranteed certain rights:

- equal treatment regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender or disability.
- privacy - you can't be forced to show how you voted.
- assistance from poll workers only upon request.
- a provisional ballot and vote if your name is not on the voter list at a particular precinct.
- posted signs at your polling site directing you to assistance with voting machines, voting rights, and how to file a complaint.
- access to a voting device you can use if you have a disability.

Early Voting and Absentee Ballots

Some states allow Early Voting several days or weeks before Election Day. Check if your state participates at www.feministcampus.org/vote. If you can't make it to the polls on Election Day, be sure to request an absentee or mail-in ballot through your local elections office. Send in your written request 30 days prior to the election. When you receive your ballot, fill it out and send it in by the deadline!

VOTE!

On Election Day

Make sure you know where to vote. If you don't know, be sure to contact your local elections office. It's best to go to the polls during off hours including 10:00-11:30am and 1:30-3:00pm. Allow yourself enough time to vote. While voting may only take a few minutes, you may have to stand in line.

Check in. Bring a photo ID and proof of address with you. If you go to a polling place, you must be allowed to vote. You cannot be turned away. If the site does not have you listed as a registered voter, make sure to request a **provisional ballot**. Once you are confirmed as a registered voter, your provisional ballot will be counted.

There are various kinds of voting devices. You might have to vote using a pencil, touching a computer screen, punching a punch card, or turning a lever. If you have problems or questions, be sure to ask a poll worker. **Check your ballot** at the end to make sure you've voted as you intended.

Submit your ballot. Make sure to fully submit your ballot by handing your ballot to a poll worker, touching the computer screen or pulling the lever that says you have voted.

Vote
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**Get Out
Her Vote 2010**
vote as if your life depends on it!

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