QUEER STUDIES MINOR

Program Learning Objectives

1. Students will develop skills in critical thinking, creativity, lifelong learning and communication (including oral, written and visual) to multiple audiences.

2. Students will demonstrate substantial knowledge of foundational and contemporary research in the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies, and substantial knowledge of the Queer Studies theoretical literature.

3. Students will gain an understanding of how the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies creates new knowledge and draws upon and utilizes perspectives from multiple fields across the humanities, arts and social sciences.

4. Students will understand the ways in which constructions, experiences and expressions of sexuality shape and are shaped by social, political, ethical, institutional, economic, legal, cultural, scientific and technological factors in the past and present, with special attention paid to interlocking systems of race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, dis/ability and gender in local, national and transnational contexts.

5. Students will understand the ways in which the dynamics of heterosexism and heteronormativity shape and are shaped by social, political, ethical, institutional, economic, legal, cultural, scientific and technological factors in the past and present, with special attention paid to interlocking systems of race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, dis/ability and gender in local, national and transnational contexts.

6. Students will employ key concepts in Queer Studies to contribute to scholarship, creative production and innovation.

7. Students will develop the intellectual and practical skills necessary to engage with issues of social justice and serve as leaders in the creation, enactment, and evaluation of efforts to create a more inclusive, just and equitable world.

Required Courses

- WGS 302: Contemporary Issues in Queer Studies
- or ES 345: Queer Ethnic Studies
- WGS 455: Queer Theory

Core Courses

Select from the following:

- ANT 460: Queer Anthropology
- ENGL 382: LGBT Literature and Media
- ES 325: Sexuality and Gender in African American Communities
- HIST/WGS 458: Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe
- WGS 340: Sexuality Studies

Approved Electives

Select from the following:

- ANT 344: Sex, Death, and Human Nature
- ANT 393: Action-oriented Ethnography
- ANT 425: Meaning, Gender, and Identity in Anthropological Theory
- BIO 123: Biology of Sex

300- and 400-level English Topics/Subtitle courses as approved

- ES 112: Race, Culture and Politics in the United States
- or ES 241: Survey of Indigenous Studies
- or ES 242: Survey of Africana Studies
- or ES 243: Survey of Latino/a Studies
- or ES 244: Survey of Asian American Studies
- ES 311: Beyoncé: Race, Feminism and Politics
- ES 340: Cultural Production and Ethnicity
- or ES 380: Critical Race Theory
- or ES 381: The Social Construction of Whiteness
- HIST/HNRS 216: Comparative Social Movements
- HIST 433: History of the American West, Southwest Borderlands, and California
- or HIST 459: Imperialism and Postcolonial Studies
- ISLA 320: Topics and Issues in Values, Media and Culture
- KINE 323: Sport and Gender
- PHIL/WGS 336: Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
- POLS 310: The Politics of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality
- PSY 304: Intergroup Dialogues
- PSY/WGS 324: Psychology of Gender
- PSY 475: The Social Psychology of Prejudice
- RELS/WGS 370: Religion, Gender, and Society
- SOC 306: Sociology of the Family
- or SOC 327: Social Change
- SOC/WGS 311: Sociology of Genders and Sexualities
- TH 305: Topics in Diversity on the American Stage
- WGS 270: Selected Topics
- WGS 320: Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
- WGS 375: Intersectional Feminist Art Histories
- WGS 400: Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates
- WGS 401: Seminar in Women’s and Gender Studies
- WGS 467: Women’s and Gender Studies / Queer Studies Internship
- WGS 470: Selected Advanced Topics

Total units: 24

1. The Required course not taken (WGS 302 or ES/WGS 345) can be used to meet Core or Elective requirements.
2. This repeatable course, if repeated for 8 units with different subtitles, can also be used to meet Core or Elective requirements.
3. Unused Core courses can be used to meet Elective requirements.
4. Please check prerequisites. Your ability to select specific courses may vary depending upon your major’s curriculum requirements.
Minor Advisor approval required for topics/subtitle courses. Approval is dependent on topic/subtitle. Contact the Women's & Gender Studies Department for a list of approved subtitles.

At least 4 units of credit must be earned in this course for it to count as an elective in the minor.