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 intersecting 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 intersecting 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 4
or ES 345 Queer Ethnic Studies
WGS 455 Queer Theory 4

Core Courses

Select from the following: 8

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 4, 5

Select from the following: 8

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 5

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 5
KINE 323 Sport and Gender
PHIL/WGS 336 Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
POL 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 5
WGS 270 Selected Topics 5, 6
WGS 320 Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective
WGS 375 Intersectional Feminist Art Histories
WGS 400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates 5, 6
WGS 401 Seminar in Women’s and Gender Studies 5
WGS 467 Women’s and Gender Studies / Queer Studies Internship
WGS 470 Selected Advanced Topics 5, 6

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.