

QUEER STUDIES MINOR

Offered at: San Luis Obispo Campus

The Queer Studies (QS) minor promotes intersectional and interdisciplinary scholarly inquiry, education, and activism that emphasizes how constructions, experiences, and expressions of sexuality change over time and are lived in relation to interlocking systems of gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic class status, disability, national origin, religion, size, and age (among other factors). Areas of exploration include the invention of homo- and heterosexuality and abnormality; the dynamics of heterosexism and heteronormativity; and intimacy, kinship networks, and embodiment, considered via active student learning and by exploring the vital contributions made to history, knowledge, and contemporary life by communities marginalized on the basis of sexuality in the United States and around the world.

Students completing the QS minor will acquire intellectual and practical skills necessary to contribute to scholarship, activism, creative production, policymaking, and innovation in Queer Studies, and to creating a more inclusive, just, and equitable world for all.

Program Learning Objectives

1. Students will identify and explain foundational and contemporary research and theoretical literature in the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies.
2. Students will define and summarize the ways that foundational and contemporary research and theoretical literature in the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies draws upon and utilizes perspectives from the humanities, sciences, arts, and professions to expand existing and create new knowledge.
3. Students will review and analyze the historical and contemporary dynamics and impacts of cisheterosexism, cisheteronormativity, homophobia, transphobia, and hegemonic white approaches to queer studies, with particular attention to the ways that norms and ideologies constitute and reproduce intersecting inequities within local, regional, national, and transnational contexts.
4. Students will examine and evaluate, via intersectional frameworks, the ways that 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.
5. Students will reflect upon and critique their own beliefs, attitudes, and potential biases related to sexuality as well as personal, policy, and community efforts for social change.
6. Students will employ and synthesize key concepts in Queer Studies to contribute to scholarship, activism, creative production, policy, the professions, and/or innovation.
7. Students will apply intellectual and practical skills to engage with issues of social justice and contribute to efforts to forge a more inclusive, just, and equitable world for all.

Minor Requirements and Curriculum

The minor must be completed prior to, or at the same time as, the requirements for the bachelor's degree. A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program, and a minor is not required for a degree. Requirements for the minor include:

- At least half of the units must be from upper-division courses (3000-4000 level).
- At least half of the units must be taken at Cal Poly (in residence).
- No more than one-third of the units will be taken with credit-no credit grading (CR/NC), not counting courses with mandatory CR/NC. Departments may further limit CR/NC grading if desired.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in all units counted for completion of the minor.

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED COURSES		
Select from the following: ¹		3
WGQS 1101	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies	
WGQS 2301	Gender and Sexuality in Visual and Popular Culture	
WGQS 2401	Sexuality Studies	
Select from the following: ¹		3-4
WGQS 3302	Contemporary Issues in Queer Studies ²	
WGQS 3345	Queer Ethnic Studies	
WGQS 3385	Porn Studies	
WGQS 4455	Queer Theory	4
Core Courses		
Select from the following: ^{3, 4}		6-8
ANT 4460	Queer Anthropology	
ENGL 2274	Survey of Queer and Trans Literature and Media	
ENGL 3349	Trans Literatures	

ENGL 3624	Topics in Queer and Trans Literature and Media
ENGL 3625	Research Topics in Queer and Trans Literature and Media
ES 3325	African American Genders and Sexualities
HIST/WGQS 4458	Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe
WGQS 3305	Feminist and Queer Methodologies
WGQS 3330	Feminist/Queer Transnational Studies
WGQS 4467	Women's, Gender & Queer Studies Internship
WGQS 4401	Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies ²
WGQS 4470	Special Advanced Topics ²

Approved Electives

Select from the following: ⁴ 3-4

ANT 4425	Meaning, Gender, and Identity in Anthropological Theory
ART/WGQS 3327	Intersectional Feminist Art Histories
BIO 1113	Biology of Sex
ES 1112	Race, Culture, and Politics in the United States
or ES 2220	African American Popular Culture
or ES 2221	Native American Popular Culture
or ES 2222	Asian American Popular Culture
or ES 2223	Latina/o/x Popular Culture
ES 3340	Cultural Production and Ethnicity
or ES 3380	Critical Race Theory
or ES 3381	Social Constructions of Whiteness
or ES 3382	Racial Capitalism
HIST 2216	Comparative Social Movements
HIST 4433	History of the U.S. West, Southwest Borderlands, and California
or HIST 4459	Imperialism and Postcolonial Studies
ISLA 3320	Issues in Values, Media and Culture ⁵
PHIL/WGQS 3336	Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society
POLS 3310	Politics of Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in the U.S.
PSY 3304	Intergroup Dialogues
PSY 4475	The Social Psychology of Prejudice
SOC 3306	Sociology of the Family
SOC/WGQS 3311	Sociology of Gender and Sexuality
TH 3305	Diversity in U.S. Theatre ⁵
WGQS 1145	Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing on Gender and Sexuality
WGQS 2201	Gender and Sexuality in US Society and Politics
WGQS 2270	Special Topics ²
WGQS 3325	Masculinity Studies
WGQS 4400	Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates

Total Units
19

¹ Required Courses not taken to satisfy minor requirements listed above may be used to satisfy Core or Approved Elective requirement(s).

² Repeatable up to 6 units. Credit may be earned more than once when course is taken with different subtitles or topics.

³ Core Courses not taken to satisfy minor requirements listed above may be used to satisfy Approved Elective requirement. Half of Core Course units must be upper-division.

⁴ Additional prerequisites may be needed to complete this requirement.

⁵ Minor advisor approval required. Approval contingent on course subtitle. Contact the department for list of approved subtitles.