

LGBTQ STUDIES MINOR

Banner Code: LGBT

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Overview

The LGBTQ Studies minor is designed to engage students in the interdisciplinary field of LGBTQ studies through an intersectional framework. The courses will draw from the history of the LGBTQ movement in the United States as well as transnational movements on debates around gender and sexuality. Courses will also focus on theoretical frameworks important in LGBTQ studies such as queer theory, crip theory, feminist theory, and critical race theory. In addition to this focus, courses will also draw from activist frameworks to discuss LGBTQ issues. With these frameworks, students will explore issues of policy, legislation, media representation, theoretical debates, and activism within LGBTQ communities. This minor will prepare them to construct arguments and apply theory to practice in LGBTQ related coursework and professional organizations.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see the Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>) section of this catalog.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/women-gender-studies/women-gender-studies-minor/#admissionspolicies>) tab.

Core Courses

Foundational Course

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 208	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
Total Credits		3

Theory Course

Code	Title	Credits
WMST 402	Queer Theory	3
Total Credits		3

LGBTQ Issues in Institutional Contexts

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		
WMST 319	Gender, Health, and Culture in the United States	3
WMST 375	Gender, Race, Sexuality, and TV	
WMST 399	Current Topics in LGBTQ Studies (in consultation with the minor advisor)	
WMST 409	Gender, Sexuality, and International Migration	
WMST 412	Challenging Pride: Bias Within the LGBTQ Community	
WMST 413	LGBTQ Issues in Education	
WMST 415	LGBTQ Health	
Other special topics courses with the approval of the minor advisor		
Total Credits		3

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select 9 credits that focus on sexuality studies not already used for above requirement. Six credits must be at the 300- or 400-level.		
ENGH 370	Introduction to Documentary (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	9
ENGH 373	Film and Video Forms	
ENGH 418	Cultural Constructions of Sexualities	
GCH 370	Sexuality and Human Behavior	
GCH 450	Culture, Sexuality and the Global AIDS Epidemic	
INTS 347	Gender Representation in Popular Culture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
WMST 200	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
WMST 300	Current Issues in Women and Gender Studies (with approval when topic is appropriate)	
WMST 318	Gender, Social Justice, and Activism (LLC course; with approval when topic is appropriate)	
WMST 330	Feminist Theories of Gender, Sexuality, and Race	
WMST 375	Gender, Race, Sexuality, and TV	
WMST 399	Current Topics in LGBTQ Studies	
WMST 403	Lesbian and Bisexual Theories	
WMST 404	Gender, Sexuality, and Disability	
WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	
WMST 408	Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights	
WMST 409	Gender, Sexuality, and International Migration	

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WMST 412 Challenging Pride: Bias Within the LGBTQ
Community

WMST 413 LGBTQ Issues in Education

WMST 415 LGBTQ Health

WMST 450 Current Topics in Women and Gender
Studies (with the approval of the minor
advisor)

Other special topics courses with the approval of the minor
advisor.

Total Credits

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