

LGBTQ STUDIES MINOR

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See Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/women-gender-sexuality-studies/#facultytext>) for faculty roster.

The LGBTQ minor in the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is a 15 credit program which provides students an opportunity for interdisciplinary study of the lives, experiences, identities, and representations of LGBT people. This course of study provides solid grounding in the major concepts and methods that define studies of sex, gender, and gender identity today. Any student in good standing in the university may enroll in the LGBTQ Studies minor. In consultation with the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies academic advisor, students will design a minor program that complements their major field of study.

For additional information, or to initiate the process of declaring the minor, please contact the undergraduate advisor at wgss@umd.edu or 301-405-6827. Students are advised to meet with the department advisor by the time they have reached 90 credits, if not before.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate familiarity with major concepts and vocabulary in the field of LGBTQ Studies.
2. Students will understand and be able to critique key developments in LGBTQ thought as strategies of social change and production of knowledge about gender and sexuality in the context of social relations of difference and power.
3. Students will demonstrate critical reasoning and research skills in the field of LGBTQ Studies.

REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
Required Core Curriculum		
Foundation Course		3
LGBT200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Capstone Course (select one of the following)		3
LGBT386	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Organization Internship	
LGBT488	Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Elective Courses ¹		9
Total Credits		15

Students may also request that courses be counted as covering one or more areas.

1. Arts, Technology and Cultural Production
2. Transnational Politics and Perspectives
3. Institutions, Politics, and/or Social Movements
4. Race, Ethnicity, and Class
5. Transgender Studies
6. Queer and/or Feminist Theory

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.

Other Program Requirements:

- No course earned with a grade below "C-" will count toward the minor in LGBTQ Studies.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.
- Students may use a maximum of six credits (or two courses) to satisfy the requirements of both their major and the minor in LGBTQ Studies. However, courses taken to complete the minor in LGBTQ Studies may not be used to satisfy the requirements of another minor.
- No more than six of the required credits (or two courses) may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park. However, at least six 3xx or 4xx-level credits applied to the minor must be taken at this university.

¹ **Elective Courses:** Students must take three electives, at least two of which must be upper division. Electives must cover at least two of the following six thematic areas. Courses may be designated by the faculty who are teaching them as covering more than one of these areas.