

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

Minor

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies offers an innovative interdisciplinary undergraduate minor program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Studies. LGBT Studies works to establish sexuality as a crucial category of analysis in the humanities and social sciences. It draws on disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, psychology, history, literature, and cultural studies in order to document the extent to which sexuality itself is a complex cultural and historical phenomenon that bears careful examination. Just as Women's Studies, for instance, is not only by, about, and for women, LGBT Studies is not only by, about, or for lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered people, but rather it includes all humanity in its purview.

A large portion of the energy spent developing this field has been devoted to discovering (and recovering) the history, dynamics, and complexities of same-sex relationships. Both those relationships and their study have had to combat a variety of delegitimizing forces originating from numerous social locations. The study of same-sex relationships within LGBT Studies has intended to provide legitimacy to those kinds of relationships, to the communities of people organized around and involved in those relationships, and to the history of those people and those communities. In working toward this end, the field of LGBT Studies has necessarily worked to theorize the concept, practice, and history of sexuality itself. It has learned to examine the various ways intimacies and sexual experiences are constructed and perceived in different periods, cultures, and social classes. The field of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies thus both addresses the particularities of the modern forms of sexuality we call lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (forms of sexuality that have only recently been able to claim for themselves the right to serious academic study) and further addresses the phenomenon of sexuality itself in all its historical and cross-cultural diversity.

There is currently no major program in LGBT Studies. Students interested in pursuing studies in this field at the major level should consider the major in Gender and Women's Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/gender-womens-studies>).

Declaring the Minor

To declare the minor, students must fill out the LGBT Intent to Minor Form (<http://womensstudies.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/LGBT%20MINOR%20WORKSHEET.pdf>) once they have decided to minor in the program. After fulfilling all course requirements, students must complete a Completion of L & S Minor form (<http://womensstudies.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/Completion%20of%20L%26S%20Minor%20form.pdf>) and submit it to the GWS Undergraduate Adviser in 608 Barrows Hall.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs

have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth Requirement, for Letters and Science students.
5. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters and Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Lower-division

LGBT 20AC	Alternative Sexual Identities and Communities in Contemporary American Society ¹	4
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Upper-division

LGBT 145	Interpreting the Queer Past: Methods and Problems in the History of Sexuality	4
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Select one of the following:

LGBT/GWS C146A	Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture	
LGBT/GWS C146B	Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture	

Select one of the following:

LGBT C147B	Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism	
or ANTHRO C182B	Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism	
LGBT C148/ETH STD C126	Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality	

Electives:

Select two courses from the following:		
ASAMST 178	Course Not Available	
CLASSIC 161	Gender, Sexuality, and Culture in the Ancient World	
COM LIT 120	The Biblical Tradition in Western Literature	
COM LIT 185	Course Not Available	
ENGLISH 100	Course Not Available	
ENGLISH 171	Literature and Sexual Identity	
GWS 102	Transnational Feminism	
GWS 103	Identities Across Difference	
GWS 129	Bodies and Boundaries	
GWS 144	Alternate Sexualities in a Transnational World	

HISTORY 117D Topics in Chinese History: The Chinese Body:
Gender and Sex, Health, and Medicine

LEGALST 155 Government and the Family

LEGALST 168 Sex, Reproduction and the Law

LGBT 100 Special Topics

LGBT 146 Cultural Representations of Sexuality

L & S 180AC Archaeology of Sex and Gender

LINGUIS 151 Language and Gender

PSYCH 192 Special Topics in Psychology

RHETOR 179 Course Not Available

SOCIOL 134 Course Not Available

SOCIOL 135 Sexual Cultures

SOCIOL 150B Course Not Available

- ¹ SOCIOL 135 Sexual Cultures can be substituted, but only when LGBT 20AC Alternative Sexual Identities and Communities in Contemporary American Society is not offered.

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies Undergraduate Advising office provides students with the following assistance to help guide them through the academic bureaucracy and hopefully ensure that they have a successful undergraduate experience at Berkeley:

- Counseling regarding their education and GWS courses
- Declaring the major
- Assessing their progress in the major
- Administrative concerns (i.e., Tele-BEARS, Add/Drops, L&S policy)
- Graduation
- Major Info, courses, independent studies, Honors Program, GWS student group
- Graduate programs and career information and referrals

The Department strives to and is committed to providing a safe, inclusive environment for all students. Students are welcome, feel supported, respected and valued, and receive the ultimate advising experience to ensure academic advancement through the program.

The Undergraduate Adviser (UA), Althea Grannum Cummings, is located in 608 Barrows Hall and her email address is cummings@berkeley.edu. Her regular office hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm. Students should not hesitate to contact her if they need some assistance.

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LGBT 20AC Alternative Sexual Identities and Communities in Contemporary American Society 4 Units

An introduction to varied dimensions of alternative sexual identities in the contemporary United States, with a focus ranging from individuals to communities. This course will use historical, sociological, ethnographic, political-scientific, psychological, psychoanalytical, legal, medical, literary, and filmic materials to chart trends and movements from the turn of the century to the present.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 20AC after taking Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies 20AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT 98 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units
Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

LGBT 100 Special Topics 4 Units

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work closely with LGBT faculty, investigating a topic of mutual interest in great depth. Emphasis is on student discussion and collaboration. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Number of units will vary depending on specific course, format, and requirements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

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Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT 145 Interpreting the Queer Past: Methods and Problems in the History of Sexuality 4 Units

This course examines interpretive issues in studying the history of sexuality and the formation of sexual identities and communities. Considering primary documents, secondary literature, and theoretical essays, we investigate specific historiographical concerns and raise questions about historical methodology and practice.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

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Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies C145

LGBT 146 Cultural Representations of Sexuality 4 Units

This course will draw upon a wide range of critical theory, film, music, literature, popular culture, ethnography, theater, and visual art to explore the relationship between cultural forms of representation and individual and collective forms of expression. Central questions for mutual consideration will include: Who/what constitutes the subject of queer cultural production? How are queer theories relevant (or irrelevant) to queer cultural and political practices?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LGBT C146A Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture 4 Units

This course examines modern literary cultures that construct ways of seeing diverse sexualities. Considering Western conventions of representation during the modern period, we will investigate the social forces and institutions that would be necessary to sustain a newly imagined or re-imagined sexual identity across time.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: GWS C146A

LGBT C146B Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture 4 Units

This course examines modern visual cultures that construct ways of seeing diverse sexualities. Considering Western conventions of representation during the modern period, we will investigate film, television, and video. How and when do "normative" and "queer" sexualities become visually defined?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

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Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies C146

Also listed as: GWS C146B

LGBT C147B Sexuality, Culture, and Colonialism 4 Units

An introduction to social theory and ethnographic methodology in the cross-cultural study of sexuality, particularly sexual orientation and gender identity. The course will stress the relationships between culture, international and local political economy, and the representation and experience of what we will provisionally call homosexual and transgendered desires or identities.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3 or Sociology 3

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

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Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: ANTHRO C147B

LGBT C148 Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality 4 Units

Course focuses on the production of sexualities, sexual identification, and gender differentiation across multiple discourses and locations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 126

Also listed as: ETH STD C126

LGBT 198 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

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Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender St/ Undergraduate

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