LGBTQ & Sexuality Studies Minor

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) & Sexuality Studies Minor is available to students enrolled in Bachelor’s degree programs at MSU. This minor provides the opportunity to obtain a comprehensive, global, cross/interdisciplinary academic experience in sexualities, gender identity and expression, and queer identities and activism. The minor complements a wide range of majors and is especially suited for students who plan to work with or advocate for issues of diversity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understandings.

Students who wish to pursue the minor must contact the GenCen Advisor to arrange an appropriate course of study; courses must be approved by the advisor to ensure adequate LGBTQ Studies content. Due to the dynamic and interdisciplinary nature of our programs, it is important to meet regularly with the advisor to stay up-to-date on course/other opportunities.

With the approval of the department/college that administer the student’s degree program, courses that are used to meet the requirements for the minor might also be used to satisfy the requirements for their degree.

Introductory Course

WS/RCAH/LB 304 ^ Introduction to LGBTQ & Sexuality Studies (3 cr)

Core Courses—Choose Two

ENG 355 Readings in Sexuality & Literature (3 cr)
ENG 448 * Seminar in Gender & Literature (3 cr)
HA 491 * Special Topics in History of Art (4 cr)
HDFS 445 Human Sexuality (3 cr)
HST 420 History of Sexuality Since the 18th Century (3 cr)
LB 333 * Topics in the History of Science (4 cr)
LB 492 * Senior Seminar (4 cr)
MC 388 Sexual Politics: Historical/Contemporary Perspectives (4 cr)
MUS 424 Music, Sexuality & Gender (2 cr)
PSY 310 Psychology/Biology of Human Sexuality (3 cr)

*Eligibility for Minor varies by instructor/section; consult Advisor

Electives — Choose 1 or more

ANP 220 Gender Relations in Comparative Perspective (3 cr)
FLM 452 * Studies in Film, Gender & Sexuality (3 cr)
LIN 225 Language & Gender (3 cr)
TE 448 * Issues of Diversity in Children’s & Adolescent Literature (3 cr)
WS 201 ^ Intro to Women’s & Gender Studies (3 cr)
WS 202 ^ Intro to Contemporary Feminisms & Gender Theories (3 cr)
WS 492 Advanced Seminar in Women’s & Gender Studies (4 cr)
Other courses determined with GenCen Advisor

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Capstone Course — Choose 1

WS 490 Independent Study (3 or 4 cr)
WS 492 Advanced Seminar in Women’s & Gender Studies (4 cr) **Please note: Students who select WS 492 to fulfill this requirement may not use the course to also fulfill the Elective Course requirement.
WS 493 Independent Internship (3 or 4 cr)

^ Students who are also completing the Women’s & Gender Studies Minor may only use WS 201, 202, or 304 to fulfill course requirements for both minors.

Study Abroad

Students have the opportunity to complete up to 60% of the minor’s program requirements with the “Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Sexual Politics in Amsterdam” summer abroad program.