The Ohio State University Sexuality Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program that examines sexual practices, identities, meanings and representations through an array of humanistic, social science, legal and artistic approaches. The program pays particular attention to considering how certain sexual behaviors and identities are privileged and others devalued in specific contexts. The field also investigates how sexuality is shaped by other social differences such as race, gender, class, dis/ability, religion and nationality.

In 2012 and 2014, the Sexuality Studies Program, along with co-sponsors from across campus, hosted two queer studies conferences featuring presentations by scholars, students, activists and filmmakers. These conferences were supported by Samuel Steward, a university alumnus who received his BA and PhD in English in the 1930s, and later donated funds for research on LGBTQ issues. The conferences have been well-received and a third iteration is in the works.
SEXUALITY STUDIES MAJOR

The Sexuality Studies major provides students with interdisciplinary training in the field. Students take a core introductory course and an LGBTQ course, and have opportunities to shape their remaining course work according to their individual interests. Possible focus areas include counseling; education; health; history; intersecting identities; LGBTQ; sociology; and women.

SEXUALITY STUDIES MINOR

The Sexuality Studies minor is a useful complement for students who are pursuing majors in such fields as comparative studies; education; English; film; history; human development and family science; psychology; social work; and sociology, among others. Students take two core courses and two electives in multiple departments and colleges.

GRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY SPECIALIZATION (GIS) IN SEXUALITY STUDIES

The GIS in Sexuality Studies enables graduate students to enhance their regular course of study by analyzing human sexualities in various historical, cultural, intersectional and transnational contexts. The GIS is especially useful for students pursuing academic positions in the humanities and social sciences, as well as careers in health; legal; social work; and educational professions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sexuality Studies Program offers two academic scholarships for students majoring or minoring in Sexuality Studies: the Barbara and Si Sokol Essay Scholarship and the DISCO Interdisciplinary Programs Scholarship. Students should also investigate the Scarlet & Gay (OSU GLBT Alumni Society) and Point Foundation scholarships.