Sexuality Studies Minor (SXLTYST-MN)

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The minor in sexuality studies focuses on the social, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts in which human sexualities have been and are currently being expressed and theorized. The minor pays particular attention to the tension between non-normative sexualities and the concept of heterosexuality against which they are typically defined. It also investigates the ways that sexuality is shaped by social differences connected to race, gender, (dis)ability, nationality, and social class.

This minor requires 20 credit hours, with at least 10 hours selected from the central courses listed below. The remaining 10 hours can be taken from these courses and/or the list of electives. At least five of the 20 hours should come from a college outside the student’s own. A number of the courses listed below have prerequisites, which must be taken or waived by the instructor, and enrollment in some courses may be limited because of demand or available space. No more than 10 credit hours of course work at the 200 level may count toward the minor. Students and faculty may petition advisors to count courses other than those listed here to fulfill the requirements of the minor. To be approved, at least 50% of the course content must address sexuality.

After one of the coordinating advisors for the sexuality studies minor has approved the student's Minor Program Form, the student must file the form with his/her counselor in his/her college. For further information, see one of the advisors listed above.

Central Courses (choose at least 10 hours from this list)

- Classics 508: Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity (5 hr.)
- *Comparative Studies 214: Introduction to Sexuality Studies (5 hr.)
- *Comparative Studies 535: Gender, Sexuality and Science (5 hr.)
- Educational Policy and Leadership 415: Sexualities and Education: Issues and Practices (5 hr.)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 204: Sexuality and Health (3 hr.)
- * Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 214: Intro to Sexuality Studies (highly recommended) (5 hr.)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 614: Sexuality and Sport (5 hr.)
- English 580: Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Literature (5 hr.)
- History 326: History of Modern Sexualities (5 hr.)
- History 526: Historical Perspectives on Same-Sex Sexuality (5 hr.)
- Human Development and Family Science 370: Human Sexuality in Context (5 hr.)
- Human Development and Family Science 670.02: Human Sexuality (3 hr.)
- Psychology 333.02: Human Behavioral Problems: Sexual (5 hr.)
- Psychology 555: Adolescent Sexuality (5 hr.)
- Social Work 597: Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: International Perspectives (5 hr.)
- Social Work 695.20: Integrative Seminars: Sexuality Diversity and Work (3 hr.)
- Sociology 430: Sex and Love in Modern Society (5 hr.)
- Sociology 605: Sociology of Sexuality (5 hr.)

Women’s Studies 370: Varieties of Female Experience: Lesbian Cultures (5 hr.)
*Women’s Studies 535: Gender Sexuality and Science (5 hr.)

*Cross-listed courses

Electives (others electives must be approved by coordinator)

- Anthropology 500: Primate Sexuality (5 hr.)
- Comparative Studies 515: Gender, Sexuality, and Religion (5 hr.)
- Social Work 695.17: Integrative Seminars: AIDS: Facts and Issues (3 hr.)
- Social Work 695.18: Integrative Seminars: AIDS: Psychosocial Aspects (3 hr.)
- Social Work 695.19: Integrative Seminars: AIDS: Community Response (3 hr.)
- Women's Studies 230: Gender Sexuality and Race in Popular Culture (5 hr.)

Sample Focus Areas for Sexuality Studies Minor

Health Services Focus

- *Comparative Studies 214: Introduction to Sexuality Studies (5 hr.)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 204: Sexuality and Health (3 hr.)
- Psychology 333.02: Human Behavioral Problems: Sexual (5 hr.)
- Social Work 695.18: Integrative Seminars: AIDS: Psychosocial Aspects (3 hr.)
- Sociology 605: Sociology of Sexuality (5 hr.)

Representations of Sexuality (in media, literature, law, science, sports, etc)

- Classics 508: Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity (5 hr.)
- *Comparative Studies 535: Gender, Sexuality and Science (5 hr.)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 614: Sexuality and Sport (5 hr.)
- English 580: Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Literature (5 hr.)
- Women's Studies 230: Gender Sexuality and Race in Popular Culture (5 hr.)
- *Women’s Studies 535: Gender Sexuality and Science (5 hr.)

Sexuality Studies minor program guidelines

Required for graduation
No

Credit hours required
A minimum of 20

Transfer credit hours allowed
A maximum of 10

Overlap with the GEC
Permitted

Overlap with the major
Not allowed and

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors
Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

Grades required
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Approval required
The minor program form must be approved by a coordinating advisor and filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by a coordinating advisor for the minor.

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