**Certificate in Critical Sexuality Studies**

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Offered by Gender, Women’s, + Sexuality Studies. This interdisciplinary certificate is designed for students in all majors who want to study sexuality and LGBTQ+ issues in a systematic way. The certificate investigates the historical precedents and theoretical frameworks necessary to understand sexuality and its effects in social, economic, political, and personal life. Particular attention is paid to how sexuality intersects with other social differences, including gender, race, class, religion, nationality, disability, and age, and how power, resistance, and life chances are unevenly distributed at these intersections. The certificate provides students with a robust understanding of the institutional and ideological grounds of social policy and public discourse about sexuality in all its forms. It empowers students to imagine a more just future and equips them with the tools to collectively enact it.

The certificate provides a strong foundation in the field of sexuality studies that prepares students for employment or graduate school in psychology, law, social work, public health, medicine, nonprofit management, human resources, and more.

**To complete the certificate in Critical Sexuality Studies, students must complete 21 credits of Critical Sexuality Studies coursework, divided as follows:**

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| ***CORE COURSES (9 credits)*** | | | |
| **Course #** | **Course Name** | **GEP** | **Semester offered** |
| CSST 210 | Introduction to Critical Sexuality Studies | SS/C |  |
| CSST 345 | Unruly Bodies | AH/C |  |
| CSST 485 | Sexuality + Queer Theory |  |  |

***ELECTIVE CREDITS (12 credits)***

**Complete 12 credits from the following, including a** **minimum of 6 credits from interdisciplinary social science** **courses and a maximum of 6 credits from arts and culture courses**. Students have the option to take up to 3 credits of independent study and 3 credits of internship towards completion of the certificate. Selected topics courses (CSST 292, CSST 392, CSST 492) may also be counted toward the 12 credits in electives.

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| ***INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES (3 credits)*** | | | |
| **Course #** | **Course Name** | **RoE** | **GEP** |
| GWST/SOCY 332 | Human Sexuality in Sociological Perspectives |  |  |
| GWST/SOCY 333 | Human Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective |  | C/SS |
| GWST/PSYC 356 | The Psychology of Sex + Gender |  |  |
| GWST/HIST 366 | Doin’ It: Case Studies in the History of Western Sexuality | RoE | SS/C |
| GWST 381 | Reproductive Justice in the US | RoE |  |
| GWST 383 | History + Politics of Sexuality | RoE |  |
| GWST/MLL 413 | Language, Gender + Sexuality | RoE |  |
| GWST/PSYC 444 | Psychology of Sexual Orientation + Gender Identity |  | WI |

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| ***ARTS AND CULTURE COURSES (3 credits)*** | | | |
| **Course #** | **Course Name** | **RoE** | **GEP** |
| CSST/GWST 220 | Introduction to Transgender Studies | RoE |  |
| CSST 321 | Queer Representation in Film + TV | RoE | AH |
| GWST/MLL 255 | Intercultural Paris | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 315 | Modern Masculinities |  | AH/C |
| GWST 341 | Indigenous + Decolonial Feminisms | RoE |  |
| GWST 344 | Transnational Femininities | RoE | AH/C |
| GWST 348 | Black, Queer + Feminist Film | RoE |  |
| GWST/THTR 349 | Gender, Sexuality + Theatrical Performance | RoE | AH |

***NOTE***: A ‘C’ or better is required in all courses applied toward the certificate

**Contact your advisor to schedule an appointment for advising.**

**If you need an advisor, or have questions about the degree options in GWST/CSST, contact:**

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