

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:

<i>CORE COURSES (9 credits)</i>			
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.

<u><i>INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES (6 credits)</i></u>			
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	RoE	WI

<i>ARTS AND CULTURE COURSES (6 credits)</i>			
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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