

Minor in Critical Sexuality Studies

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Offered by Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies, this interdisciplinary minor is designed for students in any major who also want a concentration in the study of sexuality. The minor investigates the historical, political, and social life of sexuality both transhistorically and transnationally. Special attention is paid to how sexuality intersects with other differences, including gender, race, class, religion, nationality, disability and age, and how power, resistance, and life chances are differently distributed at these intersections. This minor will empower students to imagine a more just future and equip them with the tools to collectively enact it.

The minor provides a good foundation of critical reading, writing, and thinking skills that prepare students for work or graduate school in a variety of fields, including psychology, law, social work, medicine, nonprofit management, human resources, and more. **To earn the minor, students must complete 18 credits of coursework offered by the Department of Gender, Women's + Sexuality Studies, as follows:**

<i>CORE COURSES (9 credits)</i>			
Course #	Course Name	GEP	Semester offered
CSST 210	Introduction to Critical Sexuality Studies	SS/C	
CSST/GWST 300	Methodologies in Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies	WI	
CSST 485	Sexuality and Queer Theory		Spring Only

ELECTIVE COURSES (9 credits)

Complete 9 elective credits. **Of these 9 credits, 3 must be at the 300 level and above.** Students have the option to take up to 3 credits of independent study and 3 credits of internship towards completion of the minor. Selected topics courses (CSST 292, 392, 492, GWST 290, 390, 490) may be counted toward the 9 credits in electives.

Course #	Course Name	RoE	GEP
CSST/GWST 220	Introduction to Transgender Studies	RoE	
CSST 321	Queer Representations in Film and TV	RoE	AH
CSST 345	Unruly Bodies	RoE	AH/C
GWST/MLL 255	Intercultural Paris	RoE	AH/C
GWST 315	Modern Masculinities		AH/C
GWST 341	Indigenous and Decolonial Feminisms	RoE	
GWST 344	Transnational Femininities	RoE	AH/C
GWST 348	Black, Queer, and Feminist Film	RoE	
GWST/THTR 349	Gender, Sexuality, + Theatrical Performance	RoE	AH
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 and Politics of Sexuality	RoE	
GWST/MLL 413	Language, Gender, + Sexuality	RoE	
GWST/PSYC444	Psychology of Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity	RoE	WI
Students can choose from one of the courses listed below:			
GWST/SOCY332	Human Sexuality in Sociological Perspective		
GWST/SOCY333	Human Sexuality in Cross-Cultural Perspective		C/SS
GWST/PSYC356	The Psychology of Sex Differences		

NOTES:

- A C or better is required in all courses applied toward the minor
- When students pursue the CSST minor, CSST certificate, along with any GWST option, only two courses may overlap

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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