

Gender and Sexuality Studies

(Center for Gender Equity)

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The minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSS) explores how issues of gender and sexuality affect every aspect of our lives, on a personal economic, political, and educational level and in, sports, media, health policy and global or transnational contexts. The minor provides students with an analytical lens relevant to many disciplines in the liberal arts such as sociology, geography, psychology, history, biology, anthropology and literature. GSS minors gain valuable experience in civic engagement, research, creative expression and international travel.

The GSS minor is the academic and research arm of the Center for Gender Equity (CGE), the mission of which is to support gender equity through dialogue, programming, service, research, education, and advocacy in order to facilitate collaborative, humane, and sustainable University, local and global communities.

Students enrolled in Gender and Sexuality Studies courses gain insight into such questions as the following.

- How do gender and sexuality intersect with other forms of social power (such as race, class and age)?
- How are gender and sexuality central to the process of socialization?
- How is gender a performance?
- How do people creatively express or “play with gender and sexuality” in a way that subverts dominant norms?
- How are illness and health impacted by gender and sexuality?
- How is the human body shaped by cultural norms regarding gender and sexuality?

Classes in GSS draw from a variety of departments including sociology, history, English, art history, theatre and French. Many of these classes have a civic engagement component. GSS courses provide opportunities for students to travel to India to engage in service learning.

Gender and Sexuality Studies: Requirements for the Minor (20 credits)

- GSS 201: Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies (4 credits)
- Gender and Sexuality Studies in Practice (4 credits)
- GSS 456: Mentoring in GSS (2 credits)*

- GSS 341: Gender Equity (Work for CGE) (2 credits)*
GSS 453: Creative Work or Research in GSS (2 credits)*
- GSS Electives: (12 credits)
Elective courses for GSS credit 2015-2016 are:
Fall:
Student Guide to Real World Gender
Women in Art
Study in Fiction-Short Story & Novel
Introduction to Queer Studies
Winter:
Gender and Sports
Travel in India: Gender, Society, Service
Spring:
Advanced Feminist Theory
Theatre for Gender Equity
Medicine, Body, Culture
Gender and Sexuality

(Students should not take more than 8 credits in one school; at least 4 should be upper division.)

*Students may repeat one of these courses (GSS 450, 341, or 451) for two additional credits toward the elective requirement.