

Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

CSUSB offers a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. The aim of the program is to prepare students, through the study of gender and sexuality, with insights, knowledge, and interpretive frameworks that will equip them personally, intellectually, and professionally. The program allows students to examine how gender and sexuality as social constructs shape individual lives, groups, institutions, and social structures. Students will have the opportunity to examine individual development, couples, families, small groups, and organizations as well as the media, arts, and economic and political systems. The program encourages students to examine how gender and sexuality intersect with race, culture, ethnicity, and social class in the interest of social justice. Toward these ends, students customize programs specifically to their interests and professional goals, selecting from a wide variety of courses across the university.

Many required and elective classes in your major degree can simultaneously be applied toward the minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. This means that classes required for your major may already have you on your way toward completing the requirements for a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies as well.

What can a minor in gender and sexuality studies do for you?

1. It will give you a competitive edge among employers. Many employers are seeking people with greater sophistication around issues of human diversity. The minor could be the decisive credential you need to begin or advance a career in the arts, business, management, public administration, criminal justice, health care, law, or the human services such as social work, counseling/therapy, and education.
2. For those planning to continue to graduate school, the minor provides a solid foundation upon which to build additional study in any discipline or field. It demonstrates to graduate school selection committees that you are prepared with a framework of analysis that can be applied to any field or advanced degree.
3. It will enhance your study of your major on campus, helping you develop a deeper understanding of your field or discipline.
4. It will provide an invaluable framework to understand your own life better as well as the institutions and social structures that shape our world.

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Requirements for a Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies (28 units):

(Note: Courses may be taken in any order)

1. Choose eight units from among the following courses:

GSS	100	Introduction to Women's Studies (4)
GSS	101	Introduction to Masculinity Studies (4)
GSS	103	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (4)

2. Choose sixteen units from among the following courses (may not repeat any courses selected above):

ANTH	333	Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
ANTH	380	Gender and Language (4)
ART	305	Women and Art (4)
BIOL	314	Biology of Human Sexuality (4)
CJUS	451	Women and Crime (4)
CJUS	462	Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System (4)
COMM	364	Topics in Human Communication (when the topic is Gay/Lesbian Relationships) (4)
COMM	401	Gender, Race, and Media (4)
COMM	411	Gender and Communication (4)
COMM	511	Feminist Contributions to Communication Theories (4)
COMM	550	Muslim Women in Media and Society (4 units)
ECON	333	Political Economy of Women: Money, Sex, Race, and Power (4)

May choose only one of the following two courses:

ECON	357	Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)
GSS	357	Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)
ENG	319	Studies in Literary Diversity: Gay Literature (4)
ENG	319	Studies in Literary Diversity: Lesbian Literature (4)
ENG	321	Studies in Language and Linguistics: Language and Gender (4)

May choose only one of the following two courses:

ENG	336	Women Writers (4)
GSS	336	Women Writers (4)
FLAN	320	Masterpieces of Literature: Hispanic Women Writers (4)
FREN	336	Francophone Women Writers (4)

GSS	100	Introduction to Women's Studies (4)
GSS	101	Introduction to Masculinity Studies (4)
GSS	103	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Studies (4)
GSS	300	Feminist Research Methods (4)
GSS	390	Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (4)
GSS	420	Feminist Theory (4)
GSS	425	Women as Agents of Social Change (4)
GSS	450	Queer Theory (4)
GSS	575	Internship in Gender and Sexuality Programs and Services (2) for a total of (4)
GSS	595	Independent Study (2-5) for a maximum of 8 units
HIST	344	Women in U.S. History: 1620-1865 (4)
HIST	345	Women in U.S. History: 1865-Present (4)
HSCI	310	Health and Human Sexuality (4 units)
HSCI	404	Women's Health Issues (4)

May choose one of the following two courses:

GSS	405	Health Issues of Men (4)
HSCI	405	Health Issues of Men (4)
PHIL	367	Gender and Philosophy (4)
PSCI	340	Sex and Politics (4)
PSYC	301	Psychology of Human Sexuality (4 units)
PSYC	331	The Psychology of Women (4)
PSYC	341	Women and Violence (4)
PSYC	349	The Psychology of Gays and Lesbians (4)
SOC	336	Black Women and Feminism (4)
SOC	444	Sociology of Gender (4)
SOC	590	Seminar in Sociology: Women and Religion (4 units)
TA	466	Issues in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Theatre (4)

Special Topic Courses: Students may receive credit toward an elective for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor for special topic courses offered in other departments that take gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation as the main focus of the course. Contact the coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program for permission.

3. Choose one of the following courses:

HUM	325	Perspectives on Gender (4)
NSCI	325	Perspectives on Gender (4)
SSCI	325	Perspectives on Gender (4)