

# GLBT Studies Minor

## Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies / University of Houston

The Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program draws upon the dynamic energy of the global city of Houston, Texas, and the great diversity of the University of Houston campus. The program promotes an intersectional, multidisciplinary and transnational approach that critically assesses existing hierarchies, inequalities, and forms of privilege. The GLBT Studies minor recognizes the scholarly importance of GLBT people and their contributions to politics and theory. It offers students a rich interdisciplinary framework in which to understand and critically examine this dynamic academic field. This minor encourages students to question and analyze the complex roles and implications of sexuality, gender and sexual identity, challenging students to understand how categories of gender, sexuality, race, class, dis/ability, and citizenship shape not only their own lives but also the lives of people in their communities and around the world. The program's strength comes from the diversity of the perspectives it draws from, including faculty affiliates from 14 different disciplines as well as a deep engagement with communities and organizations in Houston.

The 18-hour minor consists of the following:

- I. 3 hours in Introduction to GLBT Studies (WGSS 2360)
- II. 9 hours in approved GLBT studies advanced courses\*
- III. 3 hours from the list of approved WGSS advanced courses\*
- IV. 3 hours in an approved capstone course (supervised research, field-based service, internship, or an additional 3 hours in elective GLBT studies course, permission to enroll in course required)

\*The 12 hours in WGSS approved courses must include:

- 6 hours of approved Humanities courses
- 6 hours of approved Social Science courses

At least twelve (12) of the eighteen hours must be taken in residence. A minimum 2.00 grade point average is required for all courses in the minor. A maximum of six (6) hours approved transfer substitutes will be accepted toward the minor, and no more than six (6) semester hours in a student's major may apply to a minor in GLBT Studies.

The interdisciplinary nature of this minor requires students not to confine course work to any one department. WGSS is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and located in Agnes Arnold Hall (624 AH).

**Individuals interested in a Minor in GLBT Studies can come by the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Office, Room 624 Agnes Arnold Hall, or may contact the WGSS Advisors at 713-743-3214 or email [wgss@uh.edu](mailto:wgss@uh.edu).**

### **Current and future GLBT Catalogue Courses at the University of Houston**

The following is a partial list of current catalogue courses that can be counted toward the GLBT Studies minor. Please consult the WGSS website: [www.friendsofwomen.org](http://www.friendsofwomen.org) or the current list of approved courses, **updated each semester**.

#### **Humanities**

ENGL 3367: Gay and Lesbian Literature  
ENGL 4341: Queer Theory  
HIST 3351: Work & Family in Modern Europe  
COMM 3300: Health Communications  
COMM 3372: Gender and Media  
COMM 4334: Sex, Love, & Romance in Popular Culture  
WCL 3373: Gender & Sexuality in World Film  
WGSS 3360: Sexuality and Queer Theory

#### **Social Science**

ANTH 3306: Sex and Culture  
HLT 4302: Health Aspects of Human Sexuality  
PSYC 3331: Psychology of Gender  
PSYC 3337: Psychology of Human Sexuality  
SOC 3390: Sociology of Gender  
SOC 3373: Comparative Family Structures

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