

LGBTQ STUDIES

The LGBTQ Studies Certificate prepares students to work and live in our diverse world by concentrating on forms of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression that are frequently left out of traditional fields of study.

The interdisciplinary approach of the certificate provides students with analytical frameworks for understanding how social, cultural, legal, and political factors influence the lives of LGBTQ individuals, families, and communities. The program of study examines a broad spectrum of diversity to foreground ways that sexuality and gender intersect with race, ethnicity, class, age, religion, disability, and nationality in people's lives.

The LGBTQ Studies Certificate can complement your major or stand alone as a post-baccalaureate credential.

Knowledge of LGBTQ issues and competency in serving gender and sexually diverse populations is relevant to many different fields, from education, law, and healthcare to business, counseling, and social work, among others. We warmly welcome students from all colleges as well as community members to participate in the program.

Students who complete the Certificate in LGBTQ Studies should expect to achieve the following:

1. Knowledge about the history and current issues facing LGBTQ individuals, families, and communities;
2. Knowledge about modes of resistance and community responses to these issues;
3. Familiarity with major concepts and methods in the fields of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer studies;
4. Ability to analyze the ways that sexual orientation and gender identity intersect with race, ethnicity, class, age, religion, disability, and nationality in people's lives;
5. Ability to apply theory to practice through research, creative production, practicum experience, and/or advocacy.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required course:		
WGST/HUM/SOC 366	Sexualities, Genders, & Bodies	4
Select 3 classes from the following:		9-12
CRJ 419	LGBTQ+ Criminology	
FNDS 1306	Crossing Boundaries: 'Passing' and Social Identity in American History	
FNDS 1602	Hope and Joy in Queer and Trans Lives	
WGST/SOC 388	LGBTQ Religious Experience	
WGST/ANTH 406	Sexuality and Culture	
WGST/SOC 414	Sexuality, Gender and the Law	
WGST/ANTH/SOC 451	Family Diversity & Power	

WGST/ENGL 471 LGBTQ Literature

WGST/ENGL 486 Queer Theory & Literature

WGST 488 Colonialism, Race & Sexuality

WGST 499 Independent Studies (approved contract required)

Total Credit Hours

13-16

Notes:

1. A maximum of one transfer course may count toward the certificate.
2. A maximum of one course may be taken as pass/fail.
3. Any LGBTQ related CASL internship may count in the certificate with permission of the LGBTQ Program Director by Petition.
4. WGST 323 Introduction to Critical Disability Studies may count in the certificate with permission of the LGBTQ Program Director by Petition. (Student agrees to do a final project that is LGBTQ related)
5. A minimum 2.5 GPA in the courses counting toward the certificate is required at the time of graduation and/or posting of the certificate.
6. All four courses (13 - 16 credits) may overlap with a student's major or minor.