



The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Sexuality Studies

The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in Sexuality Studies enables graduate students enrolled in graduate programs at Ohio State to enhance their regular course of study with 12 credit hours of course work in the field of Sexuality Studies.

The subject of human sexuality has increasingly become the focus of academic research and scholarship from a wide range of perspectives, including the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and many professions. The field looks at how sexual practices, expressions, and representations are shaped by social, educational, religious, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts. It pays particular attention to the tension between non-normative sexualities and genders, and the concept of heteronormativity against which they are typically defined. Sexuality Studies also investigates the ways that sexuality is shaped by social differences, such as race, gender, (dis)ability, nationality, and socioeconomic status.

The benefits of pursuing a GIS in Sexuality Studies are several. For one, it provides graduate student with expertise in an interdisciplinary field that is transforming academic work in many disciplines as well as across disciplines. It can thus inform the work that students do for their master’s theses and dissertations, and consequently, position them to compete on the academic job market or, alternatively, in professional fields where such training is vital (e.g., health services, law, social work, education). More generally, the GIS in Sexuality Studies helps students improve their understanding of sexuality in cross-cultural, transnational, and historical contexts.

At least four courses must be part of the 12 hours for the GIS in Sexuality Studies, with at least 9 of those hours taken outside a student’s home graduate program (including cross-listed courses so long as the student enrolls in a department other than his/her own). At least 9 of the 12 hours must be at the 5000-level or above. One three-hour 4000-level class can count towards the GIS so long as it is taken outside the student’s home department. Students may also count up to 3 hours of directed study: Sexuality Studies 5191 (Internship), 5193 (Individual Study), 5194 (Group Study), or 5700 (Workshop) toward the GIS. Students and faculty may petition the coordinating adviser to count courses other than those listed here to fulfill the requirements of the GIS.

**Note: Only those courses taught by instructors with a Ph.D. may count toward the GIS. Please check with the relevant department, before enrolling, if you have any questions.

Approved Courses for the Specialization

Art Education 5835	Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects	3
Comparative Studies 4845	Gender, Sexuality, and Science (cross-listed with WGSS 4845)	3
Comparative Studies 4875	Gender, Sexuality, and Religion	3
Education: Teaching and Learning 4015	Sexualities and Education (cross-listed with ESCFE 4215)	3
Education: Teaching and Learning 7000	Sexuality in Education (cross-listed with Education: PAES 7744)	3
Educational Studies: Counselor Education 4270	Love, Sex, and Relationships	3
English 4580	Special Topics in GLBTQ Literatures and Cultures	3
History 7630	Studies in the History of Sexuality	3
Human Development and Family Science 5440	Human Sexuality in Context	3

Kinesiology: Sport Industry, Sport Management 5614	Sport and Sexuality	3
Sexuality Studies 5620	Sexuality and Violence	3
Sexuality Studies 7100	Introduction to Graduate Study in Sexuality Studies	3
Social Work 5002	AIDS: Facts and Issues	3
Social Work 5006	Integrative Seminars: Sexualities, Diversity and Social Work	3
Social Work 5016	Affirmative Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families	3
Sociology 4635	Men and Women in Society	3
Sociology 5605	Sociology of Sexuality	3
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 7710	Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice	3
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