

**The Ohio State University**  
**Arts and Sciences**  
**Sexuality Studies Major (SxltYSt-BA)**

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Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary field devoted to the analysis of human sexuality. It explores the historical, political, biological, cultural, sociological, educational, legal, health, aesthetic, and psychological contexts of human sexuality. The Sexuality Studies program at OSU pays particular attention to processes and practices of normalization in different cultures and times through which certain sexual behaviors, expressions, or identities are esteemed and others devalued. It also investigates the ways in which sexuality is shaped by other social differences such as race, gender, class, dis/ability, religion, nationality, and ethnicity.

This major requires at least 30 credit hours, six hours of which must be a core cluster consisting of Comparative Studies 2214: Introduction to Sexuality Studies and a course with a GLBTQ focus. Of the remaining 24 hours of course work, nine will constitute a focus area selected from one of nine tracks (see below) or from a topic approved by the Coordinator. The remaining 15 hours will be Sexuality Studies electives. A thesis or academic internship is highly recommended; thus, up to three hours of Sexuality Studies 4999, 4999H, or 5191 can count toward the electives or toward the focus area. In addition, with the approval of the Sexuality Studies Coordinator, students can also apply up to 3 hours of Sexuality Studies 4998 (Research), 4998H (Research Honors), 5193 (Individual Study), 5194 (Group Study), or 5700 (Workshop) toward the focus area or electives portion of the major.

No more than 3 hours at the 2000-level can count toward the focus area, and at least 9 of the 15 hours of electives must be at the 3000-level or above. Students and faculty may petition the Coordinator to count courses other than those listed here to fulfill the requirements of the major. To be approved, at least 50% of the course content must address human sexuality. After the Coordinator for the Sexuality Studies Major has approved the student's Major Program Form, the student must file the form with the Arts and Sciences Advising Office. For further information, contact the Coordinator listed above.

**Core Cluster (6 hours)**

Comparative Studies

2214 Introduction to Sexuality Studies (3);

**PLUS** one GLBT-focused course chosen from the following list or an approved GLBT elective:

Art Education

5835 Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects (3)

English

\*2282 Introduction to Queer Studies (3)

4580 Special Topics in LGBTQ Literatures and Cultures (3)

History

3630 Same-Sex Sexuality in a Global Context (3)

Social Work

5016 Affirmative Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families (3)

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

\*2282 Introduction to Queer Studies (3)

2367.03 U.S. Lesbian Writers: Text and Context (3)

3370 Sexualities and Citizenship (3)

**Focus Area (9 hr.; no more than 3 hr. at 2000 level)**

Students choose one of nine tracks (see below) that align the Major with their academic and career interests. If none of the nine suits a student's

needs, then he/she may construct an alternative track in consultation with the Coordinator. Many of the Focus Areas include more than 9 hours to show the range of courses from which a student might choose. In addition, other approved courses can be added by the Coordinator on a case-by-case basis. Up to three hours of Sexuality Studies 4998, 4998H, 4999H, 5191, 5193, 5194, or 5700 can count toward it.

**Focus Areas:**

Adolescent Sexuality

EDUTL 4015  
 Psychology 4555  
 Social Work 3597

Counseling

Psychology 2333  
 Social Work 5016  
 HDFS 3440  
 HDFS 5440

Education

EDUTL 4015  
 KNSISM 5614  
 Psychology 4555  
 HDFS 3440  
 HDFS 5440

Health

Psychology 2333  
 Sexuality Studies  
 5620  
 Social Work 5002

History

Classics 3215  
 History 2630  
 History 3630

Intersecting Identities

CS/WGSS/AAAS  
 4921  
 CS 4875  
 WGSS 4404  
 WGSS 4405

LGBTQ

Art Education 5835  
 English/WGSS 2282  
 English 4580  
 History 3630  
 Social Work 5016  
 WGSS 2367.03  
 WGSS 3370

Sociology

Sociology 2340  
 Sociology 3435  
 Sociology 5605

Women

Sociology 3435  
 WGSS 2367.03  
 WGSS 3370  
 WGSS 4404

**Sexuality Studies Electives (at least 15 hr., 9 of which must be at 3000 level or above)**

Anthropology

3500 Primate Sexuality (3)

Art Education

5835 Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects (3)

Classics

\*3215 Sex and Gender in the Ancient World (3)

Comparative Studies

\*4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science (3)

\*4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and Sexuality (3)

Education: Teaching and Learning

4015 Sexualities and Education (3)

Educational Studies: Counselor Education

4270 Love, Sex, and Relationships (3)

English

\*2282 Introduction to Queer Studies (3)

4580 Special Topics in LGBTQ Literatures and Cultures (3)

History

2630 History of Modern Sexualities (3)

\*3215 Sex and Gender in the Ancient World (3)

3630 Same-sex Sexuality in a Global Context (3)

Human Development and Family Science

3440 Human Sexuality (3)

5440 Human Sexuality in Context (3)

Kinesiology: Sport Industry, Sport Management

5614 Sport and Sexuality (3)

Philosophy

3430 The Philosophy of Sex and Love (3)

Psychology

2333 Psychology of Human Sexuality (3)

4555 Adolescent Sexuality (3)

Religious Studies

4875 Gender, Sexuality, and Religion (3)

## **Electives (contd.)**

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### Sexuality Studies

5620 Sexuality and Violence (3)

### Social Work

3597 Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: An  
International Perspective (3)

5002 AIDS Survey: Facts and Issues (3)

5006 Sexualities, Diversity & Social Work (3)

5016 Affirmative Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals,  
Couples, and Families (3)

### Sociology

2340 Sex and Love in Modern Society (3)

3435 Sociology of Gender (3)

5605 Sociology of Sexuality (3)

### Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

2230 Gender, Sexuality and Race in Popular Culture (3)

\*2282 Introduction to Queer Studies (3)

2367.03 U.S. Lesbian Writers: Text and Context (3)

3370 Sexualities and Citizenship (3)

4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies (3)

4405 Race and Sexuality (3)

\*4845 Gender, Sexuality and Science (3)

\*4921 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class, and  
Sexuality (3)

[\*Cross-listed courses]

### **Sexuality Studies Major program guidelines**

Credit hours required A minimum of 30

Transfer credit hours allowed A maximum of 6

Overlap with the GE With the exception of the Diversity Experiences  
GE, overlap with GEs is not permitted.

Overlap with a minor Not allowed; in other words, the minor must be  
in a different subject than the major.

#### Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the major.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the major.

Approval required The major program form must be approved by the  
Coordinator and filed at least by the time the graduation  
application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the major Once the major program is filed in the college  
office, any changes must be approved by the Coordinator for the  
major.

Double Major The double major program offered through the College  
of Arts and Sciences requires that each major must contain 18  
hours not contained in the other AND that the second major must  
meet all the requirements set by the second major department.

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