LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER STUDIES MINOR

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Studies minor addresses issues of sexual orientation and gender identity from interdisciplinary and multicultural perspectives. The growing public awareness of diverse sexualities and gender identities and their cultural and political ramifications for individuals, social institutions and communities is evident. LGBT Studies represents a growing field of scholarship which is in the forefront of developing theoretical and methodological innovations. The minor aims to give students the critical skills to analyze a wide range of issues, including the historical evolution of sexual and gender identities in different cultural settings, the development of LGBTQ+ cultural institutions, institutionalized forms of heterosexism, cisgenderism and homophobia, and the efforts to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Educational Objectives

1. To familiarize students with major concepts, theories, substantive findings and in scholarly works and nonfiction in the field of (LGBT) studies
2. To make students aware of the diverse attitudes toward and the experiences of LGBT individuals in different cultures and historical periods
3. To examine institutionalized homophobia and its impact on the political, social and economic status of LGBT individuals
4. To investigate the social construction of sexualities, gender identities and the cultural images associated with them
5. To examine differences within LGBT communities and the social and political ramifications of such differences for those communities
6. To understand the wide range of political strategies used by LGBT individuals in their struggles against oppression
7. To trace the historical evolution of sexual and gender identities and the roles of LGBT individuals in reshaping them

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- LGBT 491 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS IN LGBT STUDIES

Electives

Select four of the following: 12

- HIST 361 GAYS & LESBIANS IN U.S. HISTORY

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Relevant topics courses, directed readings and directed individual research approved by the advisory committee.