

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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Faculty

Faculty assigned to teach lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies courses are drawn from the colleges at San Diego State University. The program is housed in the College of Arts and Letters.

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Esther D. Rothblum (Women's Studies)

Committee: Alameen-Shavers (Africana Studies), Ben (History), Benkov (French, Emeritus), Blashill (Psychology), Borgstrom (English), Calzo (Public Health), Cayleff (Women's Studies), Cline (History), Clune-Taylor (Women's Studies), Colvin (Public Affairs), Corliss (Public Health), Draz (Philosophy), Elliott (Sociology), Geist-Martin (Communication, Emeritus), Ghosh (Women's Studies), Goehring (Communication), González-Rivera (Chicana and Chicano Studies), Horvath (Psychology), Howard (English and Comparative Literature), Jarmakani (Women's Studies), Kim (Public Affairs), Kim (Sociology), Kuefler (History), Lindemann (Communication), Matos (English and Comparative Literature), Mattingly (Women's Studies), Miller (Counseling and School Psychology), Mohammed (Religious Studies), Nieves (History), O'Brien (Political Science), Penrose (History), Rodríguez (Journalism and Media Studies), Schreiber (Political Science), Urada (Social Work), Vaughn (Psychology), Whatcott (Women's Studies)

Offered by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

Major in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies.

Certificate in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies
(refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).

The Major

The interdisciplinary major in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies advances knowledge in sexual and gender identity, and increases understanding of the diverse cultural, historical, ethnic/racial, and contemporary experiences of people across sexualities. The focus is on the changing nature of same-sex desire, sexual behavior, and same-sex relationships from antiquity to the present. Courses focus on emerging LGBTQ+ subcultures and identities from a global perspective. From there, courses address scientific and psychological explanations of LGBTQ+ identities, LGBTQ+ literature, the institutions of law and government, education and the workplace, family, and healthcare. We will finish by looking at local and international LGBTQ+ movements, popular culture, and news media in the current day. Throughout the program of study, we will carefully consider the full range of genders, sexualities, races, ethnicities, classes, physical abilities, religions, and political persuasions that characterize current LGBTQ+ movements and communities.

Courses are designed to provide students with a comprehensive, integrated, and scholarly education. The major also exposes students to community service and activism via a large selection of internships, and to global sexuality issues via international experiences.

A degree in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies prepares students for a large variety of careers. Students majoring in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies can work in LGBTQ+ non-profit agencies, law, local and national politics, health care settings, counseling centers, journalism, news media, theatre, film, fine arts, and education. LGBTQ+ studies majors may go on to obtain graduate

degrees, preparing for a career as an LGBTQ+ studies scholar. LGBTQ+ studies majors can also double-major to enhance their career opportunities.

Advising

Students are required to meet with the undergraduate adviser in order to declare the major. All students admitted to the university with a declared major in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies are urged to meet with the undergraduate adviser either prior to or during their first semester.

Impacted Program

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete preparation for the major;
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Plus (LGBTQ+) Studies Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 22990) (SIMS Code: 119508)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." Students majoring in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies must complete a minor in another field to be approved by the program director or major adviser of LGBTQ+ studies.

Preparation for the Major. Six units selected from History 101, Psychology 101, Sociology 101, Television, Film and New Media 160, Women's Studies 101, 102. (6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units to include 15 units selected from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 321, 322 [or Humanities 322]; History 406; English 450, 550, or Television, Film and New Media 470*+; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 598 or an international study abroad course*; and 12 elective units selected from General Studies 340; History 583; Journalism and Media Studies 410+; Psychology 355; Sociology 320, 420; Women's Studies 360, 535; or any department 499 course (with approval of major adviser). Additional courses are acceptable with approval of the adviser.

*If more than one of these courses are completed, the additional course(s) will count as an elective.

+Additional prerequisites required.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Plus (LGBTQ+) Studies Minor

(Minor Code: 22990) (SIMS Code: 119509)

Dr. Esther D. Rothblum, Department of Women's Studies, is adviser for this minor.

The interdisciplinary minor in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and plus (LGBTQ+) studies consists of a minimum of 15 units to include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 321, 322 [or Humanities 322], and nine units selected from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 598, English 450, 550, General Studies 340, History 406, 583, Journalism and Media Studies 410*, Psychology 355*, Sociology 320*, 420*, Television, Film and New Media 470*, Women's Studies 360, 535, or any department 499 or upper division course with appropriate content with approval of minor adviser. Additional courses are acceptable with approval of minor adviser.

Courses in the minor may not be counted towards the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

*Additional prerequisites required.

Courses (LGBT)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

LGBT 101. Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies (3) [GE]

Diversity of LGBTQ+ communities, identities, politics, sexual and gender bodies. Intersectionality of age, class, color, embodiment, ethnicity, gender, personhood, religion, and sexuality.

LGBT 296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Intended for Undergraduates)

LGBT 321. LGBT Identities in the Modern World (3) [GE]

Interdisciplinary field of lesbian and gay studies with attention to social and political institutions and development of personal identity. Topics include discrimination, internalized homophobia, political activism, and diversity within lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

LGBT 322. LGBT History and Culture (3) [GE]

(Same course as Humanities 322)

Interdisciplinary field of lesbian and gay studies with attention to history and artistic expression. Topics include varying attitudes toward homosexuality in history, as well as literary, artistic, theatrical, and musical contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

LGBT 496. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

LGBT 596. Selected Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (1-3)

Prerequisite: Upper division or graduate standing.

Selected topics in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

LGBT 598. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Internship (3) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender, Queer, and Plus Studies major or minor.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies theories and scholarship to community service and activism. Internship includes 120 hours of work in local public and private agencies serving LGBT populations and working towards LGBT equality. Maximum credit six units.