

LGBTQ+ STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

The LGBTQ+ Studies Certificate Program, housed administratively in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, is a campus-wide program open to students in any major. Courses that count toward this interdisciplinary certificate come from a wide range of fields including literature, history, sociology, medical history, as well as from gender and women's studies, which is in itself an interdisciplinary field. This certificate can complement many other programs and plans across campus, including, but not limited to gender and women's studies. New courses are added to the program each semester.

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Intent to pursue the certificate can be declared by meeting with the undergraduate advisor (<https://gws.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising/>) and completing the declaration form (https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etf8mvBhIRq826F/). Declaring the certificate as early as possible allows students to best align certificate coursework with their interests.

REQUIREMENTS

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15 credits as follows: ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies		3-4
GEN&WS/ SOC 200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Studies	
Social Science Course in LGBTQ+ Studies		3
COM ARTS/ GEN&WS 418	Gender, Sexuality, and the Media	
COUN PSY 200	LGBTQ+ People and Mental Health Equity	
COUN PSY 332	Gender and Queer Issues in Psychology	
GEN&WS 280		
GEN&WS 320	Special Topics in Gender, Women and Society (Queer)	
GEN&WS 320	Special Topics in Gender, Women and Society (Sexuality)	
GEN&WS 344	Bi/Pan/Asexuality: Community & Representation	
GEN&WS 340	Topics in LGBTQ Sexuality	
GEN&WS 446	Queer of Color Critique	
GEN&WS 449	Special Topics in Feminist Theory	
GEN&WS 536	Queering Sexuality Education	
GEN&WS 538	Special Topics in LGBTQ+ Health	

GEN&WS 539	Special Topics in Gender and Health (Queer)
GEN&WS 539	Special Topics in Gender and Health (LGBTQ+)
HISTORY 275	Topics in LGBT History ²
HISTORY/ GEN&WS 354	Women and Gender in the U.S. Since 1870
SOC WORK 639	Social Work Practice with LGBTQIA2S+ Individuals and Communities

Humanities Course in LGBTQ+ Studies 3

ASIAN AM/ENGL/ GEN&WS 463	Race and Sexuality in American Literature
GEN&WS/ ENGL 350	Special Topics in Gender & Literature ((Queer))
CLASSICS/ GEN&WS 351	Women and Gender in the Classical World
CLASSICS/ GEN&WS 361	Sex and Power in Greece and Rome
ENGL 171	Literature, Gender, and Sexuality
FOLKLORE 468	
GEN&WS 310	Special Topics in Gender, Women and the Humanities (Queer)
GEN&WS 340	Topics in LGBTQ Sexuality
GEN&WS 342	Transgender Studies
GEN&WS 343	Queer Bodies
GEN&WS/ HISTORY 346	Trans/Gender in Historical Perspective
GEN&WS 410	Special Topics in Gender and Visual Culture (Queer)
GEN&WS 412	Contemporary Queer Art and Visual Culture
GEN&WS 445	The Body in Theory
GEN&WS 449	Special Topics in Feminist Theory (Queer)

GEN&WS/ HIST SCI/ MED HIST 532	The History of the (American) Body
HISTORY 275	Topics in LGBT History
HISTORY/ GEN&WS 346	Trans/Gender in Historical Perspective
HISTORY/ GEN&WS 519	Sexuality, Modernity and Social Change
SCAND ST/ GEN&WS/ LITTRANS 438	Sexual Politics in Scandinavia
THEATRE/ GEN&WS 415	Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Theatre and Criticism

Electives in LGBTQ+ Studies (Humanities, Social Science, or other listed below) 6

GEN&WS 533	Special Topics in Gender and Biology (Queer)
GEN&WS 533	Special Topics in Gender and Biology (LGBTQ+)

Total Credits 15

¹ No more than two Elementary level courses, including GEN&WS/ SOC 200, can count for the LGBTQ+ Studies certificate. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not satisfy certificate requirements.

² Topics courses, such as HISTORY 275 and GEN&WS 340, may be taught with a number of different LGBTQ+ Studies topics and therefore may be taken more than once, so long as the topic is different.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all GEN&WS courses and all certificate courses
- 8 certificate credits In Residence

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding of core concepts and debates in LGBTQ+ Studies.
2. Demonstrate the practical skills related to LGBTQ+ Studies, such as critical thinking and analysis, inquiry, and written and oral communication.
3. Understand the interdisciplinary nature of LGBTQ+ Studies research, and connect this scholarship to the institutions that shape everyday life.
4. Develop LGBTQ+ Studies knowledge, skills, and social engagement and demonstrate how these ideas can be applied to new settings, ideas, and understandings.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Connecting and working with the undergraduate advisor in LGBTQ+ studies as early as possible helps you create a meaningful course plan and stay on track as you complete the certificate requirements.

The undergraduate advisor (<https://gws.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising/>) is available to consult on a variety of topics, including declaring the certificate, course selection, study abroad, volunteer and internship opportunities on campus and in the community, applying to graduate programs, and preparing for the job market after graduation.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

PEOPLE

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LGBTQ+ Studies Program Faculty (<https://gws.wisc.edu/people/lgbtqstudiesprogramfaculty/>)

Academic Advisor: Lachrista Greco (<https://gws.wisc.edu/staff/greco-lachrista/>)

Curricular Planning: Nina Valeo Cooke (<https://gws.wisc.edu/staff/valeo-nina/>)