Sexuality Studies (Minor)

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- Minor in Sexuality Studies

Program Requirements

Minor in Sexuality Studies (4.0 credits)

Open to all undergraduate degree students.

Students are required to present a Minor CGPA of 4.00 or higher at graduation in order to be awarded a Minor in Sexuality Studies.

Requirements

1. **1.0 credit from:**
   - FYSM 1402 [1.0] Issues in Feminist Social Transformation
   - WGST 1808 [1.0] Introduction to Feminist Social Transformation

2. **0.5 credit in:**
   - SXST 2101 [0.5] Sexuality Studies: A Critical Introduction

3. **1.0 credit in SXST or Approved Sexuality Studies at the 2000-level or higher**

4. **1.5 credits in SXST or Approved Sexuality Studies at the 3000-level or higher**

5. The remaining requirements of the major discipline(s) and degree must be satisfied

Total Credits 4.0

Notes:

1. Other courses may be substituted for the credits specified in items three and four, when material on sexuality is central to the course. Such substitutions must be individually approved by the Feminist Institute of Social Transformation. Students are encouraged to consult course descriptions of Special Topics courses.

Approved Sexuality Studies Electives

Note: access to these courses is not guaranteed, and may depend on space availability and the satisfaction of other requirements such as course prerequisites.

Anthropology
- ANTH 2040 [0.5] Anthropology and Gender
- ANTH 4780 [0.5] Anthropology of Personhood

Art History
- ARTH 4600 [0.5] Special Topics in Art, Architecture, and Gender

Canadian Studies
- CDNS 3400 [0.5] Feminist and Queer Canadas

Communication and Media Studies
- COMS 4604 [0.5] Media, Gender and Sexuality

Critical Race Studies
- CRST 2001 [0.5] Introduction to Critical Race Studies
- CRST 3812 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Topics in Critical Race Studies

CRST 4001 [0.5] Advanced Critical Race Studies

Disability Studies
- DBST 2001 [0.5] Introduction to Disability Studies
- DBST 3001 [0.5] Disability Studies: Policy and Activism
- DBST 3002 [0.5] Mad Studies
- DBST 3060 [0.5] Critical Disability Studies
- DBST 3304 [0.5] Disability and Childhood
- DBST 3812 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Topics in Disability Studies
- DBST 4812 [0.5] Interdisciplinary Topics in Disability Studies

English Language and Literature
- ENGL 2109 [0.5] Gender, Sexuality and Literature

Film Studies
- FILM 3301 [0.5] Special Topics in Cinema, Gender, and Sexuality

History
- HIST 3106 [0.5] Social History of Sexuality
- HIST 3115 [0.5] Childhood and Youth in History
- HIST 3120 [0.5] History of the Body
- HIST 3406 [0.5] African-American Women
- HIST 3505 [0.5] Women in Canada
- HIST 3604 [0.5] Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe
- HIST 3717 [0.5] Gender and Sexuality in Africa
- HIST 4505 [1.0] Seminar in Women's and Gender History

Human Rights and Social Justice
- HRSJ 1101 [0.5] Introduction to Human Rights & Social Justice
- HRSJ 1102 [0.5] Critical Issues in Social Justice Activism
- HRSJ 2301 [0.5] Human Rights and Sexualities
- HRSJ 3305 [0.5] Anti-Black Racism
- HRSJ 4302 [0.5] Transgender Human Rights

Indigenous Studies
- INDG 2020 [0.5] Indigenous Feminisms: Perspectives on Gender, Sex, and Sexualities

Law
- LAWS 3001 [0.5] Women and the Legal Process
- LAWS 3503 [0.5] Equality and Discrimination
- LAWS 3804 [0.5] Law of the Family
- LAWS 4001 [0.5] Law, Family and Gender
- LAWS 4002 [0.5] Feminist Theories of Law
- LAWS 5302 [0.5] Feminism, Law and Social Transformation
- LAWS 5008 [0.5] Consuming Passions: The Regulation of Consumption, Appearance and Sexuality

Music
- MUSI 3302 [0.5] Music and Gender I

Philosophy
- PHIL 1500 [1.0] Contemporary Moral, Social and Religious Issues
- PHIL 2306 [0.5] Philosophy and Feminism

Political Science
- PSCI 2500 [0.5] Gender and Politics
Sexuality Studies (SXST) Courses

SXST 2101 [0.5 credit]
Sexuality Studies: A Critical Introduction
While sexuality is often considered the most private and 'natural' of personal concerns, it is saturated with issues of social power, historical change, and public politics. This course offers a critical introduction to interdisciplinary studies of sexuality, focusing on history, theory, and cultural practice.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Preludes additional credit for DIST 2101 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

SXST 2102 [0.5 credit]
Sexuality, Gender, and Security
Historical and contemporary analysis of surveillance, security, and regulation of sexuality, race, class, and gender. Students will critically examine how ‘subversives’ were created through discourse and administrative logics such as policy and law.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Also listed as HUMR 2102.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.
Lectures and discussions three hours a week.

SXST 2301 [0.5 credit]
Human Rights and Sexualities
An examination of human rights discourses, sexualities, and gender identities from an intersectional approach.
Also listed as HRSJ 2301.
Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.
Lectures and discussion groups three hours a week.

SXST 3103 [0.5 credit]
Sexuality and Disability
Exploration of ways that embodied categories of sex and gender, as well as desire are mediated through mainstream and alternative discourses of disability.
Topics may include: crip theory, mental health issues, and LGBTQ sexualities.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing or permission of the Institute.
Lecture three hours a week.

Regulations
In addition to the requirements listed here, students must satisfy:
1. the University regulations including the process of Academic Continuation Evaluation (see the Academic Regulations of the University section of this Calendar).
SXST 3104 [0.5 credit]  
**Transnational Sexualities**  
Students analyze sex, gender and sexuality as power relations within, and between nation-states comprising the Global North and South, as well as new knowledge created through national border crossings. Topics may include: Orientalism, colonization, and diasporic identities.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and SXST 2101.  
Lecture three hours a week.

SXST 3106 [0.5 credit]  
**Queer(ing) Archives**  
Examination of the archival turn in historical and theoretical perspective with an emphasis on sexuality, race, and gender as subjectivities in queer, trans, and colonial archives.  
Also listed as HIST 3102.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 3812 [0.5 credit]  
**Interdisciplinary Topics in Sexuality Studies**  
An interdisciplinary analysis of one or more topics in sexuality studies. The topics of this course will vary year to year and are announced in advance of registration.  
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity  
Prerequisite(s): Third year standing and SXST 2101 OR permission of the Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies.  
Lecture three hours per week. This course is repeatable as long as each topic is different.

SXST 4101 [0.5 credit]  
**Interdisciplinary Studies of Sexuality**  
A study of selected issues in sexuality studies considered from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course may focus on any one, or combination of, sexuality studies in relation to history, theory, and/or cultural practice.  
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity  
Precludes additional credit for DIST 4101 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): SXST 2101 and fourth-year standing.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 4102 [0.5 credit]  
**Queer Theory**  
A critical approach to gender and sexuality by engaging in key debates and texts in the field of queer theory and studies.  
Prerequisite(s): SXST 2101 and fourth-year standing.  
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 5102, for which additional credit is precluded.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 4103 [0.5 credit]  
**Politics of Kink**  
This seminar analyzes critically the existence and regulation of non-normative sexual attitudes, behaviours and practices. Topics may include: non-monogamy, sadomasochism, pornography.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 4104 [0.5 credit]  
**Sexuality and Political Economy**  
An interdisciplinary and intersectional approach to issues in the area of Sexuality Studies focusing on socio-economic relations (e.g. class location, consumption) and the ways they mediate sex, gender, and sexual subject formation and governance. SXST 4101.  
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity  
Prerequisite(s): fourth year standing.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 4105 [0.5 credit]  
**Queer Ecologies**  
Students engage with debates within sexuality studies and transgender studies regarding the interwoven relationships between gender, race, indigeneity, desire, bodies and ecological politics. Topics may include: climate change, gendered and sexualized landscapes, and speciesism.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or by permission of the department.  
Seminar three hours a week.

SXST 4106 [0.5 credit]  
**Queer Aesthetics: Affect, Cultural Production, Sexuality**  
Critical examination of affective economies made in and through LGBTQ cultural production. Drawing from feminist, queer, trans and queer of colour critique, students will consider how queer affect, sentiment and emotions uniquely circulate in art and aesthetic objects.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing or permission of the Institute.  
Seminar three hours a week.