

# GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/genderandsexuality/>)

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## Program Description

Housed in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, the program in gender and sexuality studies (GSS) fosters broad interdisciplinary investigation of gender and sexuality as key aspects of human experience both past and present, paying particular attention to how they shape social roles and identities in various cultural contexts. Its curriculum makes gender and sexuality central rather than peripheral terms of analysis, while also considering their significance both vis-à-vis each other and in relation to race, ethnicity, locality, nation, and geographic circulation. Most fundamentally, the program encourages students to question gender and sexual norms wherever they are in effect, and thus to complicate what in many other settings—both academic and non-academic—is often presented as “natural.” In this way, GSS contests the privileging of some categories (e.g., *male* or *heterosexual*) over others, and thereby challenges the social and political implications of such hierarchies.

## Honors Program

Majors who have completed 48 points of graded work in CAS and have a 3.65 GPA or higher (both overall and in the major) are encouraged to register for SCA-UA 92 in the fall semester of their senior year. Upon successful completion of the seminar requirement, students will be eligible to register for SCA-UA 93 in the spring. Information about the honors program can be found at [as.nyu.edu/sca](http://as.nyu.edu/sca) (<http://as.nyu.edu/sca/>).

## Language and Linguistic Competency

The type of rigorous intercultural study promoted within the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis requires students to recognize the complex modes of communication at work both within and across different social groups. The department therefore strongly encourages its students to develop advanced skills in language and linguistics by any of the following means: taking elective courses in sociolinguistics; studying a language other than English beyond the minimum level required by the College of Arts and Science; studying languages especially germane to the department's fields of study; pursuing community-based internship fieldwork necessitating the development and use of specific language skills; or undertaking study or research abroad in contexts entailing the exercise of key language or linguistic capabilities.

## Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see [How to Apply](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html) (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar		4

EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Expressive Culture		4
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Introductory Courses</i>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Select one of the following:		
SCA-UA 401	Approaches to Gender & Sexuality Studies (offered occasionally)	
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist (offered every fall)	
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select six designated gender and sexuality studies electives <sup>2</sup>		24
<i>Research Course</i>		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Other Elective Credits		44
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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Four must be taught by SCA faculty. SCA-UA 42 is no longer required but is highly recommended and can count as an elective.

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
SCA-UA 401	Approaches to Gender & Sexuality Studies	4
Foreign Language I		4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Foreign Language II		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective #1 of 6		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Foreign Language III		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective #2 of 6		4
Expressive Culture		4
Foreign Language IV		4

Degree Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective #3 of 6	4
Physical Science	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>6th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective #4 of 6	4
Major Elective #5 of 6	4
Life Science	4
Degree Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>7th Semester/Term</b>	
Major Elective #6 of 6	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>8th Semester/Term</b>	
SCA-UA 90      Advanced Research Seminar	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>128</b>

## College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

1. Critical thinking tools for the analysis of social, cultural, and political formations.
2. Familiarity with theories for the study of race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, space, and nation.
3. Proficiency in written and oral communication.
4. The ability to produce original research on topics relevant to the major using textual/literary, archival, ethnographic, and/or quantitative research methods.
5. Engagement and familiarity with primary texts in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

## Policies

### Policy on Double Counting of Courses

#### Majors

Majors may share (double count) two courses with a second major, with permission from the other department/program.

#### Minors

Minors may share (double count) one course with a major or a second minor, with permission from the other department/program.

## NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).