

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (BA)

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

NYSED: 89059 HEGIS: 4903.00 CIP: 05.0299

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 credits 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 Senior Honors Seminar 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 Senior Honors Thesis in the spring. Information about the honors program can be found at as.nyu.edu/sca (<http://as.nyu.edu/sca/>).

Language and Linguistic Competency

The department 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>).

Program Requirements

The Gender and Sexuality Studies major requires nine 4-credit courses (36 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below. Students who take a Cultures and Contexts course as the second introductory course for the major may also count it toward the CORE-UA 5xx graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Expressive Culture		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Introductory Courses (Two)</i>		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Select one of the following:		4
CORE-UA 529	Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures	
CORE-UA 534	Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic	
CORE-UA 539	Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures	
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist	
SCA-UA 747	Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity	
URBS-UA 102	The City ²	
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select six designated gender and sexuality studies electives ³		24
<i>Research Course</i>		
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar	4
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		44
Total Credits		128

¹ 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.

² Formerly SCA-UA 601, Approaches to Metropolitan Studies.

³ Four must be taught by SCA faculty.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
Select one of the following (see footnote below): ¹		4
Foreign Language I		4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
SCA-UA 101	Social and Cultural Analysis 101	4
Foreign Language II		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
Major Elective #1 of 6		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4

Foreign Language III	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
4th Semester/Term	
Major Elective #2 of 6	4
Expressive Culture	4
Foreign Language IV	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
5th Semester/Term	
Major Elective #3 of 6	4
Physical Science	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
6th Semester/Term	
Major Elective #4 of 6	4
Major Elective #5 of 6	4
Life Science	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
7th Semester/Term	
Major Elective #6 of 6	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
SCA-UA 90	Advanced Research Seminar
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
Total Credits	128

¹ Select one of the following: CORE-UA 529 Cultures & Contexts: Contemporary Latino Cultures OR CORE-UA 534 Cultures & Contexts: The Black Atlantic OR CORE-UA 539 Cultures & Contexts: Asian / Pacific / American Cultures OR SCA-UA 230 Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist OR SCA-UA 747 Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies: The Politics of Indigeneity OR URBS-UA 102 The City (Formerly SCA-UA 601 Approaches to Metropolitan Studies).

Policies

Program 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/>).

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.