

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (MINOR)

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

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.

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.

Minor Declaration

To request declaration of a minor, CAS students should visit the host department. To request declaration of a cross-school minor, CAS students should complete the online Minor Application available in their Albert Student Center. Students may also use the Minor Application (<http://www.nyu.edu/students/student-information-and-resources/registration-records-and-graduation/registration.html>) in Albert to request cancellation of a CAS or cross-school minor.

Program Requirements

The minor requires the completion of 20 credits, completed with a grade of C or better, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
Minor Requirements		
Select one of the following:		4
SCA-UA 401	Approaches to Gender & Sexuality Studies (offered occasionally)	
SCA-UA 230	Intersect: Race, Gender, & Sexuality in U.S. Hist (offered every fall)	

Electives

Select four designated Gender and Sexuality Studies electives ¹	16
Total Credits	20

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Two must be taught by SCA faculty.

Policies

Policy on Double Counting of Courses

Major

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

Minor

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/>).