

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS

The undergraduate major in Gender and Sexuality Studies specializes in the examination of gender; gender identity; queer and transgender studies; feminisms; and social justice from interdisciplinary perspectives. Students develop a strong understanding of how interconnected social formations such as race, class, age, nation, citizenship, ability, and other categories of difference are constructed and intersect with gender and sexuality. Our courses equip students with analytical skills and knowledge to engage power structures critically and transform lives and communities.

Gender and Sexuality Studies readies students for further study in the field at the graduate level as well as advanced study in a variety of disciplines. We offer a plan of study that integrates humanities and social sciences methods and objects of study, including areas of concentration such as human rights and transnational migration; socially engaged literature, film, and other creative media; and transnational and decolonial methodologies.

Gender and Sexuality Studies students prepare for careers in such fields as advocacy and social organizing, community development, creative writing, criminal justice, education, filmmaking and video production, health care, human resources, journalism, law, music production, social services, and visual arts. Many students declare a double major in Gender and Sexuality Studies with another discipline to enhance career opportunities and learning.

Courses are offered both online and on campus. In addition to the B.A., Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an undergraduate minor and graduate minor.

Degree requirements for the major include

- 9 credit hours of required Gender & Sexuality Studies courses;
- 18 credit hours of Gender & Sexuality Studies electives; and
- 9 credit hours from a number of cross-listed courses offered both by Gender & Sexuality Studies and by other programs/departments.
- The total credit hour requirement for the major is 36 credit hours with 21 hours at the upper division level. All requirements must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
Choose one from the following:		3

ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
Choose one from the following:		3
ACOM 1130G	Effective Leadership and Communication in Agriculture	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication Honors	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		3
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics (Recommended) ¹	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		10-11
GNDR 2110G	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
or GNDR 2120G	Representing Women Across Cultures	
<i>Area III: Laboratory Sciences Course (4 credits) ²</i>		
<i>Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences Course or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits) ²</i>		
<i>Area V: Humanities ²</i>		3
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts ²</i>		3
<i>General Education Elective ²</i>		3-4
Viewing a Wider World ³		6
Departmental/College Requirements		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
GNDR 455	Feminist Research Methodologies	3
or GNDR 465	Sex, Gender and the Body	
GNDR 471	Seminar in Feminist and Queer Theories	3
<i>Select nine credits from the following:</i>		9
GNDR 401	Women & Immigration	
GNDR 402	Transnational Feminisms	
GNDR 403	Gender & Horror	
GNDR 450	Special Topics	
GNDR 454	Women Crossing Borders	
<i>GNDR or Cross-Listed Electives</i>		18
6 credits must be upper division		
GNDR 360	Masculinities Studies	
GNDR 405	Alternative Genders and Sexualities	
GNDR 407	Gender and Graphic Narrative	
GNDR 411	Gender and Migration	
GNDR 412	Gender and Film Studies	
GNDR 451	Practicum in Gender and Sexuality Studies	
GNDR 482	Gender and Popular Culture	
Second Language Requirement: (not required)		
Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 ⁴		47-49
12 credits must be Upper - Division		
Total Credits		120

¹ MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1130G first.

² See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

³ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/#viewingawiderworldtext>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

⁴ Elective credit may vary based on General Education course selection, prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors, and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 120 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

Second Language Requirement

For the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Gender & Sexuality Studies, there is no second language requirement for the degree.