

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES - GRADUATE MINOR

The graduate minor 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. The graduate minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies offers students a documented emphasis in their academic training in the field of Gender and Sexuality Studies. The graduate minor allows students to acquire specialized knowledge through the interdisciplinary curriculum offered by Gender and Sexuality Studies and to integrate theoretical perspectives and methodologies from Gender and Sexuality Studies into diverse academic fields. Our courses equip students with analytical skills and knowledge to engage power structures critically and transform lives and communities.

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. The graduate minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies complements many advanced degree programs at NMSU including Anthropology, Art, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Clinical and Mental Health Counseling, Communication Studies, Creative Writing, Criminal Justice, Curriculum and Instruction, Economics, Education, English, Government, History, Psychology, Public Health Sciences, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish, and others.

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 graduate minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies to enhance career opportunities and learning.

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

Master's and Doctoral minor candidates:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Core Course		
GNDR 571	Advanced Seminar in Feminist and Queer Theories	3

For a Master's Degree minor candidate:

6 additional credit hours from upper level Gender & Sexuality Studies courses or courses cross-listed with Women's Studies and other departments/programs are required. (9 credit hours total)

For a Doctoral Degree minor candidate:

9 additional credit hours from upper level Gender & Sexuality Studies courses or courses cross-listed with Women's Studies and other departments/programs are required. (12 credit hours total)