Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

CSUSB offers a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. The aim of the program is to prepare students, through the study of gender and sexuality, with insights, knowledge, and interpretive frameworks that will equip them personally, intellectually, and professionally. The program allows students to examine how gender and sexuality as social constructs shape individual lives, groups, institutions, and social structures. Students will have the opportunity to examine individual development, couples, families, small groups, and organizations as well as the media, arts, and economic and political systems. The program encourages students to examine how gender and sexuality intersect with race, culture, ethnicity, and social class in the interest of social justice. Toward these ends, students customize programs specifically to their interests and professional goals, selecting from a wide variety of courses across the university.

Many required and elective classes in your major degree can simultaneously be applied toward the minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. This means that classes required for your major may already have you on your way toward completing the requirements for a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies as well.

What can a minor in gender and sexuality studies do for you?

1. It will give you a competitive edge among employers. Many employers are seeking people with greater sophistication around issues of human diversity. The minor could be the decisive credential you need to begin or advance a career in the arts, business, management, public administration, criminal justice, health care, law, or the human services such as social work, counseling/therapy, and education.

2. For those planning to continue to graduate school, the minor provides a solid foundation upon which to build additional study in any discipline or field. It demonstrates to graduate school selection committees that you are prepared with a framework of analysis that can be applied to any field or advanced degree.

3. It will enhance your study of your major on campus, helping you develop a deeper understanding of your field or discipline.

4. It will provide an invaluable framework to understand your own life better as well as the institutions and social structures that shape our world.

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Requirements for a Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies (28 units):
(Note: Courses may be taken in any order)

1. Choose eight units from among the following courses:
   GSS 100 Introduction to Women's Studies (4)
   GSS 101 Introduction to Masculinity Studies (4)
   GSS 103 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Studies (4)

2. Choose sixteen units from among the following courses (may not repeat any courses selected above):
   ANTH 333 Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
   ANTH 380 Gender and Language (4)
   ART 305 Women and Art (4)
   BIOL 314 Biology of Human Sexuality (4)
   CJUS 451 Women and Crime (4)
   CJUS 462 Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System (4)
   COMM 364 Topics in Human Communication (when the topic is Gay/Lesbian Relationships) (4)
   COMM 401 Gender, Race, and Media (4)
   COMM 411 Gender and Communication (4)
   COMM 511 Feminist Contributions to Communication Theories (4)
   COMM 550 Muslim Women in Media and Society (4 units)
   ECON 333 Political Economy of Women: Money, Sex, Race, and Power (4)
   May choose only one of the following two courses:
   ECON 357 Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)
   GSS 357 Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)
   ENG 319 Studies in Literary Diversity: Gay Literature (4)
   ENG 319 Studies in Literary Diversity: Lesbian Literature (4)
   ENG 321 Studies in Language and Linguistics: Language and Gender (4)

   May choose only one of the following two courses:
   ENG 336 Women Writers (4)
   GSS 336 Women Writers (4)
   FLAN 320 Masterpieces of Literature: Hispanic Women Writers (4)
   FREN 336 Francophone Women Writers (4)
   GSS 100 Introduction to Women's Studies (4)
   GSS 101 Introduction to Masculinity Studies (4)
   GSS 103 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Studies (4)
   GSS 300 Feminist Research Methods (4)
   GSS 390 Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (4)
   GSS 420 Feminist Theory (4)
   GSS 425 Women as Agents of Social Change (4)
   GSS 450 Queer Theory (4)
   GSS 575 Internship in Gender and Sexuality Programs and Services (2) for a total of (4)
   GSS 595 Independent Study (2-5) for a maximum of 8 units
   ANTH 333 Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)
   HIST 344 Women in U.S. History: 1620-1865 (4)
   HIST 345 Women in U.S. History: 1865-Present (4)
   HSCI 310 Health and Human Sexuality (4 units)
   HSCI 404 Women's Health Issues (4)

   May choose one of the following two courses:
   GSS 405 Health Issues of Men (4)
   HSCI 405 Health Issues of Men (4)
   PHIL 367 Gender and Philosophy (4)
   PSCI 340 Sex and Politics (4)
   PSYC 301 Psychology of Human Sexuality (4 units)
   PSYC 331 The Psychology of Women (4)
   PSYC 341 Women and Violence (4)
   PSYC 349 The Psychology of Gays and Lesbians (4)
   SOC 336 Black Women and Feminism (4)
   SOC 444 Sociology of Gender (4)
   SOC 590 Seminar in Sociology: Women and Religion (4 units)
   TA 466 Issues in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Theatre (4)

   Special Topic Courses: Students may receive credit toward an elective for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor for special topic courses offered in other departments that take gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation as the main focus of the course. Contact the coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program for permission.

3. Choose one of the following courses:
   HUM 325 Perspectives on Gender (4)
   NSCI 325 Perspectives on Gender (4)
   SSCI 325 Perspectives on Gender (4)