Gender & Women’s Studies PhD Program

Concentration in LGBTQ+ Studies

Description

This concentration draws on GWS faculty strengths in LGBTQ+ studies and trains students in gender, race, crip and sexuality studies with an emphasis on LGBTQ+ inquiry and potential specializations in queer, queer-of-color, trans, trans-of-color, crip and crip-of-color, Black, Indigenous and Diasporic queer, crip and/or trans modes of theorization, analysis and critique. Depending on the student’s interests and career plans, the training might have a disciplinary or interdisciplinary orientation and draw from science/health, social science, humanities and arts areas or be more focused on one or more of those. The five required courses cultivate training in theory and method while also providing for four carefully chosen electives, moving from broad to targeted (though not necessarily taken in that order): (1) topical area of emphasis, (2) sub-specialization, and (3) ideally related directly to dissertation research.

Committed Faculty

Willing to serve as a primary advisor:
Jill Casid
Finn Enke (in exceptional cases)
Judy Houck
Pernille Ipsen
James McMaster
Sami Schalk (if in primary area)
Jess Waggoner

Agreed to teach for this concentration and serve on committees:

Anna Campbell
Jill Casid
Finn Enke
Ruth Goldstein
Judy Houck
Pernille Ipsen
James McMaster
Benjamin Mier-Cruz
Sami Schalk
Jess Waggoner

Five Required Courses

2. Topical Course #1 in Area of Emphasis
3. Topical Course #2 in Area of Emphasis
4. Elective #1 (should be related to area of specialization)
5. Elective #2 (should ideally be related to dissertation research)

Three of the five courses must be at the 700 level or above.

Sample courses to fulfill elective requirements at the 300 – 600 level; includes special topics courses devoted specifically to LGBTQ+ content (maximum 2 courses):

- Art History 600: Queer Theory, Visual Culture
- Counseling Psychology 332: Gender and Queer Issues in Psychology
- English 559: Queer Popular Culture Studies
- Gen&WS 340: Topics in LGBTQ Sexuality
- Gen&WS 342: Transgender Studies
- Gen&WS 343: Queer Bodies
- Gen&WS 344: Bi/Pan/Asexuality: Community & Representation
- Gen&WS 345: Narrating Queer Lives
- Gen&WS 346: Trans/Gender in Historical Perspective (cross-listed with History 346)
- Gen&WS 374: Gender, Disability, and Sexuality
- Gen&WS 410: Topics in Gender and Art - Queer Art and Visual Culture
- Gen&WS 412: Contemporary Queer Art and Visual Culture
- Gen&WS 446: Queer of Color Critique
- Gen&WS 519: Sexuality, Modernity and Social Change (cross-listed with History 519)
- Gen&WS 527: Environment of the Womb: Epigenetics and Parent/Child Health
- Gen&WS 536: Queering Sexuality Education
- Gen&WS 538: Special Topics in LGBTQ+ Health & Healthcare
- Gen&WS 642: Advanced Seminar in LGBT Studies (LGBT Studies Capstone)
- History 346: Trans/Gender in Historical Perspective (cross-listed with Gen&WS 346)
- History 519: Sexuality, Modernity and Social Change (cross-listed with Gen&WS 519)
- International Studies 310: Documenting Gender & LGBT Violence in Mexico/LA
- Social & Administrative Pharm 490: Topics in LGBTQ Health
- Social Work 639: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Individuals and Social Welfare

Sample courses to fulfill elective requirements at the 700 – 900 level; includes special topics courses devoted specifically to LGBTQ+ (3 or more courses):

- Gen&WS 720: Queer Theory/Queer Methods
- Gen&WS 737: Feminist Theory and Criticism
- Gen&WS/History 938: History of Sexuality
- Law 940: LGBTQ+ Law
- Surgery 980: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Health Equity

Sample topics offered, providing an overview of recent courses offered as topics classes that are specifically designated as LGBTQ+ topics, as well as topics classes that are not specifically designated as LGBTQ+:
Art History 431: Queer Theory, Visual Culture
Art History 431: Crip Tactics
English 350: Special Topics in Gender & Literature
English 457: The Queer and Feminist 1970s
English 804: Queer Shakespeare
English 825: Queer Ecologies
Gen&WS 340: Queer & Trans Cinema
Gen&WS 340: Trans:Schlr & Community Perspc
Gen&WS 340: Queer Theory, Queer Performance
Gen&WS 340: Performance: Race Gender Aesth
Gen&WS 340: Bi/Pan/Asexuality: Comm & Rep
Gen&WS 340: Queer Locations
Gen&WS 340: Queering EcoFeminism
Gen&WS 350: Transnational Queer/Trans Lit
Gen&WS 449: Queer Theory & Visual Culture
Gen&WS 533: LGBTQ+ Health/Care in Americas
Gen&WS 737: Feminist Disability Studies
Geography 475: Queer Geographies