

Minor in Human Sexuality

Why study human sexuality?

- Explore the diverse range of human sexual practices and taboos
- Compare scientific, historical, and creative understandings of sexual desire
- Learn to analyze and address problems of sexual violence, reproductive justice, and LGBTQ inclusivity.

Human Sexuality students focus on the social, political, and medical constructions of human sexuality. They draw from interdisciplinary methods, theories, and research to better understand how the social construction and lived experiences of sexuality relate to society, politics, medicine, and social movements.

Requirements for the Minor

Human Sexuality Minor Course Requirements

The minor requires 18 hours. At least 12 hours must be at the junior/senior (300+) level or higher. Students with a major in WGSS and a minor in Human Sexuality may only overlap two courses.

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction		3
WGSS 111	Introduction to Human Sexuality Studies	
Methods		3
WGSS 501	Doing Feminist Research	
Electives		12
Satisfied by approved courses with a primary focus on sexuality.		
Eligible courses include:		
WGSS 101	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
	or WGSS 10 Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Honors	
SW 303	Human Sexuality	
WGSS 305	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the North American West	
WGSS 311/ AMS 323/ HUM 332/ HIST 332	Sex in History	
WGSS/HIST 322	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1600-1900	
WGSS/HIST 323	LGBTQ U.S. History, 1900-Present	
WGSS/HIST 324	History of Women and the Body	
WGSS/ANTH 325	Language, Gender, and Sexuality	
SOC 326	Health, Gender, and Society	
WGSS 327	Perspectives in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	

WGSS 329	Introduction to Queer Theory: Tools for Deconstructing Gender
WGSS 331	Sex and Gender in New Media
WGSS 333	The Politics of Physical Appearance
WGSS 339	Feminism and Social Change
WGSS 344	Black Feminist Theory
WGSS 350	Black Love and Romance
WGSS/GIST 355	International Women's Rights
WGSS 364	Pregnancy in Modern Literature
WGSS/HUM 365	Taking the Red Pill: Men and Masculinities Today
ANTH/AAAS 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies
WGSS 376/ EALC 375	Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature
	or EALC 575 Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature
ANTH/WGSS 389	The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond
WGSS/PSYC 410	Intimate Relationships
SOC 450	Gender and Society
WGSS/PSYC 468	Psychology of Women
REL/WGSS/ HUM 477	Gender and Religion
HSES 489	Health and Human Sexuality
WGSS/PSYC 502	Human Sexuality
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love
WGSS 514	Politics of Human Trafficking
WGSS/CLSX 515	Gender and Sexuality in Greek Culture
WGSS/CLSX 516	Gender and Sexuality in Roman Culture
WGSS/POLS 517	Policing the Womb
WGSS/PSYC 521	Women and Violence
WGSS 540	Skin, Sex, and Disease
WGSS/COMS 552	The Rhetoric of Women's Rights
WGSS 553	Making a Pandemic: The History and Politics of HIV/AIDS
WGSS 563	Gender, Sexuality and the Law
WGSS/ANTH 583	Love, Sex, and Globalization
AAAS/HIST/ WGSS 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History
WGSS 600	Feminist Contemporary Political Theory
WGSS 821	Woman and Violence

Other Courses That May Count for Minor Requirements:

The topics in the following courses vary by semester. If the majority of the course content addresses sexuality, this course may count toward a specific requirement within this program. Confirm with the major advisor.

WGSS 196	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
WGSS 396	Studies in: _____
WGSS 397	Study Abroad Topic in: _____
WGSS 498	Independent Study
ENGL 572	Women and Literature: _____
WGSS 650	Service Learning in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
WGSS 696	Studies in: _____
Total Hours	18

Human Sexuality Minor Hours

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Overlap Policies

Students who wish to pursue more than one program offered by the department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies may do so with the following restrictions: No more than four courses may be used to fulfill requirements for both the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major and the Human Sexuality major – two of which would be WGSS 501 and WGSS 601. No more than two courses may overlap between any of our majors and minors, or between our two minors – one of which would be WGSS 501. Students earning an undergraduate certificate in addition to another WGSS program can overlap one course – the introductory-level requirement.