

Minor in Human Sexuality

Why study women, gender and sexuality studies?

Human Sexuality minors quickly move from a broad WGSS survey to a more intensive critical focus on the social, political, and medical constructions of human sexuality. Students 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 selecting this minor must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Survey		
WGSS 101	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
or WGSS 102	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Honors	
or WGSS 111	Introduction to Human Sexuality Studies	
Survey Course of Human Sexuality		3
Satisfied by one of the following:		
HSES 489	Health and Human Sexuality	
PSYC 502	Human Sexuality	
SW 303	Human Sexuality in Everyday Life	
Methods		
WGSS 301	Research Methods in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies	3
Human Sexuality Discipline Perspective		
Human Sexuality Discipline Perspective. Satisfied by 2 core courses (6 hours) with a primary focus on sexuality. Students should take at least 1 humanities course and at least 1 social or biological science course.		6
Humanities Perspective. Satisfied by 1 of the following approved humanities electives:		
WGSS 311/ AMS 323/ HUM 332/ HIST 332	Sex in History	
WGSS 327	Perspectives in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
WGSS 430	Skin, Sex, and Disease	
WGSS 563	Gender, Sexuality and the Law	
AAAS/HIST 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History	
CLSX/WGSS 515	Gender and Sexuality in Greek Culture	
CLSX 516	Gender and Sexuality in Roman Culture	

EALC 418	Sexual Politics in Chinese Literature and Culture: Premodern Times	
or EALC 618	Sexual Politics in Chinese Literature and Culture: Premodern Times	
EALC 575	Love, Sexuality and Gender in Japanese Literature	
ENGL/GIST 306	Global Environmental Literature	
HIST 608	History of Sexuality	
PHIL 504	Philosophy of Sex and Love	
REL 374	Religious Perspectives on Selfhood and Sexuality	
REL 477	Gender and Religion	
Social Science or Biological Science Perspective. Satisfied by 1 of the following approved social or biological science elective:		
WGSS 333	The Politics of Physical Appearance	
WGSS/PSYC 521	Women and Violence	
WGSS 530	Sex and Gender in New Media	
WGSS/ANTH 583	Love, Sex, and Globalization	
WGSS/POLS 640	Politics of Reproductive Policy	
WGSS/PSYC 689	Conceptual Issues in Human Sexuality	
ANTH 359	Anthropology of Sex	
ANTH/AAAS 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies	
PSYC 410	Intimate Relationships	
PSYC 502	Human Sexuality	
PSYC/WGSS 689	Conceptual Issues in Human Sexuality	
SOC 352	Sociology of Sex Roles	
SOC 450	Gender and Society	
SW 303	Human Sexuality in Everyday Life	
Human Sexuality Required Electives		3
Satisfied by 1 course (3 hours) chosen from any course above not used to satisfy a requirement or any of the following:		
WGSS 396	Studies in: _____ (can be petitioned to count towards other requirements)	
AAAS 554/ ANTH 545	Contemporary Health Issues in Africa	
ABSC 268	Introduction to Marriage and Family Relations	
ABSC/PSYC 626	Psychology of Adolescence	
AMS/SOC 110	American Identities	
or AMS 112	American Identities, Honors	
or SOC 112	American Identities, Honors	
ANTH/WGSS 389	The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond	
AMS 324	Being Deviant in America	
COMS 344	Relational Communication	
COMS/WGSS 440	Communication and Gender	
COMS 552	The Rhetoric of Women's Rights	
FMS 410	US Diversity in Visual Culture	

HIST/WGSS 319	History, Women, and Diversity in the U.S.
HIST/WGSS 324	History of Women and the Body
HUM/WGSS 570	Men and Masculinities
POLS/WGSS 600	Contemporary Feminist Political Theory
PSYC 465	Stereotyping and Prejudice Across Cultures
POLS 630	Politics of Identity
PSYC/WGSS 468	Psychology of Women
PSYC 642	The Psychology of Families
REL 475	Loving Relationships
SOC 220	Sociology of Families
SOC 326	Health, Gender, and Society
SOC 617/ HP&M 620	Women and Health Care
SOC 628	Families and Social Inequalities
WGSS 498	Independent Study (can be petitioned to count towards other requirements)
WGSS 650	Service Learning in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (can be petitioned to count towards other requirements)

Other Information

Other courses might count by petition in any of the above categories depending on their content. Such courses could include special topics courses (e.g., WGSS/ WGSS 696 Studies in: ____; ENGL 590 Studies in: ____; PSYC 690 Seminar: ____), new courses, or other course. For more information, see the department's website, or contact the department. 1 course overlap is allowed between major requirements and minor requirements. Courses with a blank (____) at the end of their titles are typically topics or seminar courses that may be repeated for credit. Usually these courses offer different topics each time they are taught. Students should check with the course instructor about the requirements to take the course and what the topic will be when it is offered.)

Human Sexuality Minor Hours & Minor GPA

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 (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).