

GENDER, SEXUALITY, & WOMEN'S STUDIES, BA: LGBTQ STUDIES

LGBTQ Studies is a growing field that includes courses offered in Departments and Schools across the University. Students may even wish to do a sub-concentration within this field, for example in the areas of queer cinema studies, queer literature, or queer design. There are also a growing number of courses offered which aim to cultivate LGBTQ literacy in the education and medical fields. The Program is also in the early stages of developing more courses in the field of Trans Studies, and courses taken in this field would count toward this concentration.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 33. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major/> (<https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
GSWS 0002	Gender and Society	1
GSWS 0003	Introduction to Sexuality Studies and Queer Theory	1
GSWS Theory Course:		1
GSWS Course with Attribute: AGWT - Theory (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwt/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>LGBTQ Studies Concentration Requirements</i>		
Select 5 courses with 4 courses in at least two different departments		5
Attribute: AGWL - LGBTQ Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwl/)		
And courses by permission of Program Associate Director		
<i>Elective Courses</i>		
Select 4 courses:		4
GSWS 0000-4999		
Attribute: AGWF - Feminist Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwf/)		
Attribute: AGWG - Global Gender and Sexuality Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwg/)		
Attribute: AGWH -Health and Disabilities (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwh/)		
Attribute: AGWL - LGBTQ Studies (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/agwl/)		

Attribute: AGGR - Major Related Courses (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aggr/>)

And courses by permission of Program Associate Director

Research/Capstone Requirement 1

GSWS 4000 GSWS Honors Thesis Seminar

GSWS 4999:9999

And courses by permission of Program Associate Director

Total Course Units 33

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

Honors

Students with an overall GPA of 3.4 and 3.6 or better in the major are eligible for honors.

Concentrations

Students may select one of five concentrations (<https://gsws.sas.upenn.edu/program/undergraduate/major/concentrations/>):

- Feminist Studies
- Global Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Health and Disability
- LGBTQ Studies
- Self-designed

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.