



QUEER STUDIES CONCENTRATION

IN THE WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES PROGRAM

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) program offers a Queer Studies concentration. It's an option for students wanting to enhance their understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, or intersex (LGBTQAI+) issues or whose undergraduate curriculum or professional goals would be enriched by additional course work in this emerging and vibrant field. The concentrations focus on LGBTQAI+ histories, political movements, aesthetics, arts, cultures, literatures, scholarship, contemporary experiences, and social formations. Queer Studies courses examine how the ongoing struggle for LGBTQAI+ rights intersect with social justice issues pertaining to race, class, citizenship, age, and normative embodiment and compulsory ableness.



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Why take the Queer Studies concentration?

Students who complete the four-course sequence (12 hours) can apply what they've learned to positions in education, government, nonprofit organizations, activism, journalism, law, public policy, health and social services, and careers in the humanities and fine arts.

Required core classes

WGS 120: Gender, Sex, and Power; WGS 292: Introduction to LGBTQ Studies;
WGS 392: Queer and Transgender Theory

One additional elective may be chosen from:

ANT 270: Anthropology of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality; PHI 202: Sex, Values, and Human Nature; POL 337: Gay and Lesbian Political Theory; PSY/SOC 123: Human Sexuality Seminars

Courses with at least 50 percent queer/sexuality content may be sub-waivered into the sequence with permission of the WGSS advisor.

Application information

Any current ISU student can enroll in the concentration by contacting the WGSS advisor (wgsadvisor@IllinoisState.edu). For more information about the minor, scholarships, and events, visit WGS.IllinoisState.edu.

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