

MINOR IN QUEER STUDIES



The Minor in Queer Studies brings together the interdisciplinary theories and methods of queer studies. Through histories of movements from lesbian, gay, trans, queer, two spirit, and genderqueer communities, the minor introduces students to expressions and experiences of sexuality across identities, cultures, and historical periods. The minor centers on the understanding of sexuality and gender as constructed, historically contingent, and frequently policed, as well as their intersections with race, gender, nation, and disability.

Students will develop a critical analysis of the ways in which the organization of desire has determined norms, produced forms of oppression and resistance, and shaped political institutions. Courses focus on the political and forces related to sexuality, gender expression, and family formation, with particular attention to how the assumptions, language, and power of science, medicine, law, and religion work to explain and regulate sexuality.

The minor is open to any student in any major or minor. This minor will help prepare students for graduate programs and careers in many fields, including health, law, journalism, and business, all of which are urgently looking to adequately address the needs and potential of our LGBTQ+ world.

For more information, please visit the department website (<https://rges.colostate.edu/undergraduate/>).

To [add this minor](#), you can either call the College of Liberal Arts Academic Advising Center at 970-491-3117 or ~~ef~~ send an email to cla_advising@colostate.edu.

More information is available on <https://advising.libarts.colostate.edu>.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Describe and demonstrate knowledge of queer studies texts, histories, and contemporary movements.
2. Apply and explain central queer studies engagement with feminist theory, critical race studies, environmental justice, patriarchy, and the global circulation of ideas and movements.
3. Demonstrate skills in the application of queer theory as it relates to gender, sexuality, and organizations of social life.
4. Assess and research sex, gender, and sexuality.
5. Analyze research from queer studies perspectives and queer methodological interventions.

Requirements Effective Fall 2025

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Students must satisfactorily complete the total credits required for the minor. Minors and interdisciplinary minors require 12 or more upper-division (300- to 400-level) credits.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
ETST 201	Introduction to Queer Studies	3
ETST 267/WS 267	Genderqueer and Transgender Studies	3
ETST 417/WS 417	Queer Theory	3
Emphasis Areas:		
Assemblages with Race, Gender, Nation, Disability (select one course from the following):		3
ETST 300	Queer Studies and Women of Color	
ETST 342	Queer Indigenous Studies	
ETST 362/WS 362	Indigenous Consciousness and Gender	
ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	
ETST 420	Disability, Race, Gender in the Environment	
WS 340	Race and Sexuality	
Electives (select three courses from the following):		9
E 334	LGBTQ+ Literature	
ETST 300	Queer Studies and Women of Color	
ETST 342	Queer Indigenous Studies	
ETST 362/WS 362	Indigenous Consciousness and Gender	
ETST 411	Black Feminism(s)	
ETST 413	Queer Creative Expressions	
ETST 420	Disability, Race, Gender in the Environment	
HIST 369	History of Sexuality in America	
WS 340	Race and Sexuality	
Program Total Credits:		21