

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES MAJOR

The Gender and Sexuality Studies (GESS) Program at Tulane University is committed to the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary preservation, expansion, and transmission of knowledge to undergraduate students and to other individuals in both the university and the larger community about women, gender, and sexuality. The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program is committed to intellectual excellence and to stimulating continued intellectual growth for faculty and students. As a community of scholars/teachers/learners we are devoted to the study of gender and sexuality as they take shape and affect our lives in a diverse, multicultural, and international world. We are committed to facilitating critical undergraduate and graduate education and practice for social justice by engaging students in the discovery, production, and critique of knowledge that emerges from critical perspectives on culture and society.

Requirements

A major in Gender and Sexuality Studies consists of a minimum of 33 credits.

Course ID	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
GESS 1900 or GESS 2900	Sex, Power and Culture ¹ Intro to Gender & Sex Studies	3
GESS 3500	Critical Inquiry and Praxis	3
GESS 4940	Gender & Sexuality Theory I: Feminist Theory	3 or 4
GESS 4950	Gender & Sexuality Theory II	4
Seven Electives ²		
The remaining (7) elective courses must be selected from among those approved by the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program with the following distribution requirements: a minimum of two different disciplines or departments must be represented in the elective coursework.		
One Elective any level		3
Six Electives at the 3000-level or above		18
Total Credit Hours		34-35

¹ Students may only earn credit for one of the following introductory courses, but not for both: GESS 1900, GESS 2900.

² **Double Counting & Overlap:** For students double majoring in Gender and Sexuality Studies and another major: no more than two courses can be counted toward both majors. Moreover, if a course is being counted toward a minor in another department or program, it may not be counted toward the GESS major.

Course ID	Title	Credits
Approved elective courses 1000/2000-level:		
ANTH 2030	The Anthropology of Women and Men	3
COMM 2720	Media & Reproductive Rights	3
COMM 2730	Childhood, Sex & the Media	3
ENLS 2920	Intro to Women's Literature	3
GESS 2190	Special Topics	3
HISU 2400	Women & Gender US Hist to 1865	3
HISU 2410	Women & Gender Since 1861	3
MUSC 2164	Women Die in Opera	3 to 4
SOCI 1010	Sex in College	3
SOCI 1040	Gender & Society	3
SOCI 2210	Sociology of Reproduction	3

Course ID	Title	Credits
Approved elective courses 3000-level or above		
AFRS 4800	Black Women's Health	3
AFRS 6050	Black Feminism and Social Movement in the United States	3
ANTH 3120	Anthropology of Sex and Reproduction	3
ANTH 3320	Archaeology of Gender	3

ANTH 3330	Anthropology of Gender	3
ARHS 6220	Women and Gender in Medieval Art	3,4
ASTA 3520	Modern Japanese Culture	3
ASTA 3540	Anime, Japan & Globalization	3
COMM 3310	Comm for Feminism Activism	3
COMM 3410	Reality TV	3,4
COMM 3420	Disability & Reality TV	3
COMM 3650	Feminist Doc & New Media	3
COMM 4261	Feminism, Sci-Fi & Technology	3 or 4
COMM 4262	Dangerous Bodies: Communication, Culture & Body	3,4
COMM 4350	Gender and The Cinema	4
ENLS 4135	Early Women Writers (pre-1700)	3,4
ENLS 4442	Black Literature, Gender, and Sexuality	3
ENLS 4720	Feminist Literary Theory	3
GESS 4500	Gender and Archives	3
GESS 4700	Sexuality in US History	3
GESS 4800	Bad Moms: Ideologies of Maternal Selfhood in 20/21st Century Media	3,4
GESS 4930	Special Topics	3
GESS 4990	Honors Thesis	3
GESS 5000	Honors Thesis	4
HISB 6070	Gender in African History	4
HISU 3541	Reproductive Health in the US	3
HISU 6260	New Directions in Womens Hist	3-4
HISU 6350	History of Gender Based Violence in the United States	3,4
JWST 3600	Women In Hebrew Bible	3
JWST 4120	Sexuality in Jewish Culture	3,4
JWST 4150	Women, Judiasm, Jewish Cul	3
MUSC 3421	Women Die in Opera	3 to 4
MUSC 3480	Music and Gender	3,4
PHIL 3540	Gender and Justice	3 to 4
PHIL 6530	Philosophy and Gender	3
POLA 4210	Women and Politics	3,4
POLA 4260	Race, Sex, & Power	3,4
POLA 4320	Women's Legislative Leadership	3
POLC 3003	Women Leading Change	4
POLC 4200	The Politics of Rape	3,4
POLT 3780	Feminist Political Thry	3
PORT 4100	Gender & Sexuality Brazillian	3
SOCI 6030	Monog, Poly-Sexualities Societ	3
SOCI 6060	Issues In Soc of Gender	3
SOCI 6070	Sociology of Sexuality	3
SOCI 6260	Gender, Work & Family	3
SOCI 6910	Gender In Latin America	3
ANTH 3120	Anthropology of Sex and Reproduction	3

Note that the list of approved electives varies from semester to semester, so please check with the GESS Program Director to verify the eligibility of an elective course before registering: GESSdirector@tulane.edu.

Contact

For more information, contact the School of Liberal Arts (<https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/gender-sexuality-studies/contact-us/>).