

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
January 2017**

To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex, and Transgender Studies Minor to Queer Studies

The ~~program~~ reflects current critical, theoretical, and methodological developments across several disciplines that focus on lesbian, gay, ~~and~~ bisexual issues. ~~Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex, and Transgender Studies~~ are by nature interdisciplinary, and this ~~program~~ is meant to encourage new cross-disciplinary research in the field for interested students in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. The curriculum addresses such issues as sexual identity and orientation; ~~gay, lesbian, and bisexual~~ representation; ~~gay, lesbian, and bisexual~~ perspectives on the arts; retheorizations of gender; sexuality and cultural diversity; intersections of sexualities and ethnic identities.

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Requirements for the minor (24 units)

[No Change]

1. Lower-division requirements (4 units) chosen from LGBS 001 or GSST 001

[No Change]

2. Upper-division requirements (5 courses [at least 20 units]) chosen from the approved list of courses:

[No Change]

a) Humanities: at least one of the five from ENGL 122 (E-Z)/LGBS 122 (E-Z), ENGL 143 (E-Z)/LGBS 143 (E-Z)/MCS 143 (E-Z), LGBS 105, ~~LGBS 139/GSST 139~~

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b) Fine Arts: at least one of the five from DNCE 135, ENGL 143 (E-Z)/LGBS 143 (E-Z)/MCS 143 (E-Z), LGBS 153/MUS 153

[No Change]

c) Social Sciences: at least one of the five from ANTH 145/GSST 103, ETST 175/GSST 175, ~~LGBS 128/GSST 128, LGBS 134/GSST 134, LGBS 135/GSST 135, LGBS 137/GSST 137, LGBS 139/GSST 139, LGBS 152/GSST 152, GSST 100~~

c) Social Sciences: at least one of the five from ANTH 145/GSST 103, ETST 175/GSST 175, GSST 128/LGBS 128, GSST 134/LGBS 134, GSST 135/LGBS 135, GSST 137/LGBS 137, GSST 139/LGBS 139, GSST 152/LGBS 152, GSST 100

Students may petition to have a course not on the approved list counted towards the five upper division requirements provided they can demonstrate that LGBTIT issues play a significant role in the course and that they will focus their own work for the course (amounting to 30% of the final grade) on an LGBTIT topic. [No Change]

Students may use 4 units of LGBS 190 and up to 8 units of LGBS 193 to count towards the five upper division requirements. [No Change]

Note Students may satisfy an upper-division requirement by completing 4 units of LGBS 198-I (Internship). [No Change]

Justification:

1. In recent years, the Gender and Sexuality Studies Department has become the logical home for the LGBTIT Studies minor. Formerly Women's Studies, the department changed its name in 2014 to Gender and Sexuality Studies in order to highlight its focus on the study of sexuality, with queer studies as a central area of inquiry. Given these developments, LGBTIT Studies faculty agreed that having a separate LGBTIT Studies program is no longer necessary, as this program duplicates current offerings in GSST. The majority of courses regularly offered in fulfillment of the LGBTIT minor are GSST courses (taught by GSST faculty and cross-listed with LGBS); in other words, GSST is already the de facto home of the majority of UCR's Queer Studies curriculum. This program change also follows the national trend of locating Queer Studies minors within Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies departments. Students interested in Queer Studies are likely to look for this curriculum in the GSST Department; whereas the minor's current status as a free-floating program makes it more difficult for students to access and less integrated with the established discipline of gender studies.
2. The LGBTIT Studies faculty committee is in agreement that "Queer Studies" is the mostly widely used name for this academic field, and one that speaks to the theoretical and political stakes of queer studies beyond the list of identities described by "LGBTIT." All other queer studies projects on campus (Queer Lab, queer studies conferences, and our course titles themselves) reflect this usage. The name change will bring UCR's minor up to date with current linguistic choices in the broader discipline of Queer Studies.
3. GSST faculty agreed that retaining a "Gender and Sexuality Studies" minor alongside a "Queer Studies" minor would create too much curricular duplication, as "sexuality studies" and "queer studies" are often taught by GSST faculty as one in the same, or with considerable overlap. Following other campus models, faculty agreed that students will benefit from choosing between two minor tracks: one that emphasizes feminist history, theory, and practice ("Feminist Studies") and one that emphasizes queer history, theory, and practice ("Queer Studies"). GSST majors will continue to take courses that encompass both curricula.

4. In sections a) and c) of the minor requirements, crosslisted courses were updated so as to be listed in alphabetical order (e.g., from ~~LGBS 139/GSST 139~~ to GSST 139/ LGBS 139.)

Approved by the faculty of the Department of
Gender and Sexuality Studies

March 9, 2016

Approved by the Department Chair of
Interdisciplinary Studies

September 20, 2016

Approved by the Executive Committee of the
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences:

Approved by the Committee on Educational
Policy:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
February 28, 2017**

To be adopted:

Proposed Changes to minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor to Feminist Studies Minor

PRESENT:

The minor in ~~Gender and Sexuality Studies~~ consists of six courses (at least 24 units) distributed as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements (two courses [at least 8 units])
 - a) GSST 001 or GSST 001H or GSST 001S
 - b) One GSST lower-division course
2. Upper-division requirements (four courses [at least 16 units])
 - a) GSST 100
 - b) Three upper-division GSST courses.

PROPOSED:

Feminist Studies Minor

The minor in Feminist Studies consists of six courses (at least 24 units) distributed as follows:

[No Change]

[No Change]

Justification:

Include Justifications for EVERY change/ addition/ deletion that is made.

1. The Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies is requesting the change from the minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies to Feminist Studies Minor. The department is planning on bringing the former: LGBT Studies minor under the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies. To clarify the distinction between the two minors, the minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies is being changed to the minor in Feminist Studies. The LGBT minor will be changed to Queer Studies. Due to the lack of staffing resources of the difficulty of securing release time from home departments for faculty to teach queer studies courses, it is logical home for the minor to move to Gender and Sexuality Studies.

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November 28, 2018

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Lucille Chia, Acting Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Catalog Changes related to the Appendix 7 Transfer of and Changes to the LGBT
Studies Minor Program

The CHASS Executive Committee discussed the Catalog Changes related to the Appendix 7 Transfer of and Changes to the LGBT Studies Minor Program at the regular meeting on November 28, 2018. There were no objections and our committee approved the proposed minor program.

Lucille Chia, Acting Chair
CHASS Executive Committee