

Status: PENDING

**PROGRAM REQUEST**  
Sexuality Studies GIS

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<b>Fiscal Unit/Academic Org</b>	Arts & Sciences Administration - D4305
<b>Administering College/Academic Group</b>	Arts And Sciences
<b>Co-administering College/Academic Group</b>	Education & Human Ecology
<b>Semester Conversion Designation</b>	Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)
<b>Current Program/Plan Name</b>	Sexuality Studies Minor
<b>Proposed Program/Plan Name</b>	Sexuality Studies GIS
<b>Program/Plan Code Abbreviation</b>	SXLTYST-MN
<b>Current Degree Title</b>	

**Credit Hour Explanation**

Program credit hour requirements		A) Number of credit hours in current program (Quarter credit hours)	B) Calculated result for 2/3rds of current (Semester credit hours)	C) Number of credit hours required for proposed program (Semester credit hours)	D) Change in credit hours
Total minimum credit hours required for completion of program		20	13.3	12	1.3
Required credit hours offered by the unit	Minimum				
	Maximum				
Required credit hours offered outside of the unit	Minimum				
	Maximum				
Required prerequisite credit hours not included above	Minimum				
	Maximum				

**Program Learning Goals**

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

- Program Learning Goals**
- Students focus on social, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts in which human sexualities are expressed and theorized.
  - Students attend to tension between non-normative sexualities and heterosexuality.
  - Students investigate ways sexuality is shaped by various social differences.

**Assessment**

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

**Program Specializations/Sub-Plans**

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.

**Pre-Major**

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

**Attachments**

- SS GIS letter of support.docx: letter of support  
*(Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Blackburn, Mollie)*
- SS GIS qtr prog sheet.doc: qtr prog sheet  
*(Quarter Advising Sheet(s). Owner: Blackburn, Mollie)*
- SS GIS template.docx: template  
*(Program Proposal. Owner: Blackburn, Mollie)*
- SS GIS sem prog sheet.doc: sem prog sheet  
*(Semester Advising Sheet(s). Owner: Blackburn, Mollie)*
- A and H CL.SexStud.doc: A and H Cover Letter  
*(Letter from the College to OAA. Owner: Williams, Valarie Lucille)*

**Comments**

**Workflow Information**

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June 6, 2011

Lawrence Krissek, Professor of Earth Sciences  
Faculty Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Instruc  
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Dear Larry,

The Faculty Steering Committee has completed and submitted its proposal for a semester version of its interdisciplinary programs: GIS in Sexuality Studies, Major in Sexuality Studies, and Minor in Sexuality Studies. The programs were reviewed and approved by the Arts and Humanities Disciplinary Advisory Panel for Curriculum within the College of Arts and Sciences on June 1, 2011. Please note that since these programs cross multiple units, only the first line on the PACER chart has been completed, and we have included a Book 3 Listing request for Sexuality Studies with the semester conversion proposal. The programs which were previously housed in the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies in ASC under quarters, will now be administratively housed in the Office of Diversity and Identity Studies Collective, "DISCO," and heavily contributed to by Women's Studies, Comparative Studies, Sociology, Social Work, and Art Education. The Director of DISCO, Debra Modellmog, and the Co-Director of Sexuality Studies, Professor Mollie Blackburn serve as the Co-Directors for the Sexuality Studies program and share academic advising with a full time GA and part-time staff member. Please note that the Sexuality Studies BA filed an Assessment Plan at the February 2011 CAA meeting with its full proposal.

Most specifically, I have highlighted the small changes for the programs below:

**BA in Sexuality Studies:** The BA in Sexuality Studies was established and approved by CAA on February 23, 2011. There were no revisions to the program, and in fact, when the major was submitted in February, the semester version was also sent forward. The proposal here is the semester version from February. The program converted from 50 quarter credit hours to 30 semester credit hours and maintained the requirement of two Core Cluster Courses: Comparative Studies/EDU PAES 2214 (214) and a choice of one required GLBT-focused course from the same list under semesters as under quarters, with one additional choice of Social Work 5501. The Focus Area Category requirement of three courses under quarters remains the same under semesters with the inclusion of a course from Art Education in the GLBT category. The Sexuality Studies Electives Category remains the same with 25 quarter credit hours translating to 15, and the requirement of 200-level course work translating to 3000-level coursework. The major, implemented for this upcoming Fall 2011 will have students who transition to semesters, and the transition plan will count any quarter course on the semester version of the proposal.

**Minor in Sexuality Studies:** The Minor in Sexuality Studies was established and approved by CAA on April 22, 2009. There were no major revisions to the program. The program converted from 20 quarter credit hours to 12 semester credit hours and maintained the requirement of two Central Courses. The selection lists of the Central Courses and the Elective Courses have been modified as some courses have "gone away" in semesters and some courses have remained.

The minor required four courses on the quarter system, and will translate to four courses on the semester system. Quarter courses will be applied toward the minor in semesters.

**Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Sexuality Studies:** The GIS in Sexuality Studies was established and approved by CAA previous to 2006 as there are no records in ASC that indicate approval afterwards. There were no major revisions to the program. The program converted from 20 quarter credit hours to 12 semester credit hours and maintained the requirement that three-quarters (three of the four classes) must be taken outside the student's home unit. The selection list of courses has been modified with the inclusion of five new semester courses. Quarter courses will be applied toward the minor in semesters.

We are sending these undergraduate programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction. The courses that are specific to all of the programs are listed under multiple Book 3 Listings. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or [williams.1415@osu.edu](mailto:williams.1415@osu.edu).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Valarie Williams, M.F.A., Ph.D.

Professor of Dance

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities

cc: Debra Modellmog, Professor and Director, DISCO, Co-Director of Sexuality Studies  
Mollie Blackburn, Associate Professor and Co-Director of Sexuality Studies  
Mark Shanda, Professor and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities

16 April 2011

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the semester conversion plan for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Sexuality Studies as submitted by Mollie Blackburn, Coordinator of the Sexuality Studies Program. Because there are no major changes being made to the GIS in Sexuality Studies, this is a simple conversion of course numbers, credit hours, and basic requirements based on the current version of the GIS.

Sexuality Studies is part of the Diversity and Identity Studies Collective at OSU (DISCO), which is supported by the College of Arts and Sciences and reports to Arts and Humanities Divisional Dean, Mark Shanda. I am the Director of DISCO, which is why I am writing this letter of support. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Modellmog

Professor of English

Director, Diversity and Identity Studies Collective at OSU (DISCO)

Fiscal Unit: ASC

Administering College: ASC

Co-admin: EHE

Semester conversion designation: Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)

Current Program Name: GIS in Sexuality Studies

Credit Hour Requirements:

Current Minimum: 20 hours

Proposed Minimum: 12 hours

Program Rationale Statement:

The GIS in Sexuality Studies will undergo a direct conversion, with several exceptions. We will delete courses that were deleted (CS 826 and WS 870) or converted to undergraduate courses (Classics 3215 and History 3630) by the offering departments. We will add six courses to our list of central courses:

1. Art Education 7835: Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects (3)
2. Social Work 5002: Integrative Seminars: AIDS: Facts and Issues (2)
3. Social Work 5003: Integrative Seminars: Psychosocial Aspects of HIV/AIDS (2)
4. Social Work 5501: Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families (3)
5. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 7710: Theorizing Race, Sexualities, and Social Justice (3)
6. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 8810: Topics in Race, Sexualities, and Social Justice (3).

Social Work 5002, 5003, and 5501, and Art Ed 7835 were previously electives for the GIS, but their focus on sexuality clearly meets the program's requirements for "central" courses. The other two courses have been introduced or revised recently by their department to have a focus on sexuality, and thus they also meet the criteria for inclusion as central courses for the GIS. The final exception relates to our own courses, Arts and Sciences 710: Introduction to Graduate Study in Sexuality Studies, which will become Sexuality Studies 7010, once we acquire a Book Three listing as part of the implementation of our new Major. As a part of that process, we are also finalizing Sexuality Studies 5620: Sexuality and Violence, which was recently approved by the ASC Curricular Committee but cannot be offered until we have the Book 3 listing.

List of semester courses:

### **Sexuality Studies GIS Approved Courses**

#### **Central courses**

- Art Education 7835: Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects (3)
- Comparative Studies/Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 4845: Gender, Sexuality and Science (3)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 5614: Sport and Sexuality (3)
- Education: Physical Activity and Educational Services 7744/Education Teaching and Learning 7000: Sexuality in Education (3)
- English 4580: Special Topics in GLBTQ Literatures and Cultures (3)
- History 7630: Studies in the History of Sexuality (3)
- Human Development and Family Science 5540: Human Sexuality in Context (3)
- Psychology 4644: Hormones and Behavior (3)
- Sexuality Studies 5620: Sexuality and Violence (3)
- Sexuality Studies 7010: Introduction to Graduate Study in Sexuality Studies (5)
- Social Work 5002: AIDS: Facts and Issues (2)
- Social Work 5003: AIDS: Psychosocial Aspects of HIV/AIDS (2)
- Social Work 5006: Integrative Seminars: Sexualities, Diversity and Social Work (2)
- Social Work 5501: Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families (3)
- Sociology 4635: Men and Women in Society (3)
- Sociology 5605: Sociology of Sexuality (3)
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 7710: Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice (3)
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 8810: Topics in Race, Sexualities and Social Justice (3)

Electives must be approved by coordinator.

Letter from offering unit: See attached.

Semester Advising Sheet: See attached.

Quarter Advising Sheet: See attached.

Transition Policy: We will apply quarter courses toward the GIS.

The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in Sexuality Studies enables graduate students enrolled in graduate programs at Ohio State to enhance their regular course of study with 12 credit hours of course work in the field of Sexuality Studies.

The subject of human sexuality has increasingly become the focus of academic research and scholarship from a wide range of perspectives, including the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and many professions. The field looks at how sexual practices, expressions, and representations are shaped by social, educational, religious, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts. It pays particular attention to the tension between non-normative sexualities and genders, and the concept of heterosexuality against which they are typically defined. Sexuality Studies also investigates the ways that sexuality is shaped by social differences, such as race, gender, (dis)ability, nationality, and social class.

The benefits of pursuing a GIS in Sexuality Studies are several. For one, it provides graduate student with expertise in an interdisciplinary field that is transforming academic work in many different disciplines as well as across disciplines. It can thus inform the work that students do for their master’s theses and dissertations, and consequently, position them to compete on the academic job market or, alternatively, in professional fields where such training is vital (e.g., health services, law, social work, education). More generally, the GIS in Sexuality Studies helps students improve their understanding of sexuality in cross-cultural, transnational, and historical contexts.

At least four courses must be part of the 12 hours for the GIS in Sexuality Studies, with at least 9 of those hours taken outside a student’s home graduate program (including cross-listed courses so long as the student enrolls in a department other than his/her own). At least 9 of the 12 hours must be at the 5000-level or above. One three-hour 4000-level class can count towards the GIS so long as it is taken outside the student’s home department. Students and faculty may petition the coordinating advisers to count courses other than those listed here to fulfill the requirements of the GIS.

### **Approved Courses for the Specialization**

Art Education 7835	Visual Representations of LGBT Subjects	3
Comparative Studies 4845	Gender, Sexuality, and Science (cross-listed with WGSS 4845)	3
Comparative Studies 5875	Gender, Sexuality, and Religion	3
Education: PAES 5270	Love, Sex, and Relationships	3
Education: PAES 5614	Sport and Sexuality	3
Education: Teaching and Learning 7000	Sexuality in Education (cross-listed with Education: PAES 7744)	3
English 4580	Special Topics in GLBTQ Literatures and Cultures	3
History 7630	Studies in the History of Sexuality	3
Human Development and Family Science 5540	Human Sexuality in Context	3
Sexuality Studies 5620	Sexuality and Violence	3
Sexuality Studies 7010	Introduction to Graduate Study in Sexuality Studies	3
Social Work 5002	AIDS: Facts and Issues	2
Social Work 5003	AIDS: Psychosocial Aspects of HIV/AIDS	2
Social Work 5006	Integrative Seminars: Sexualities, Diversity and Social Work	2
Social Work 5501	Clinical Social Work Practice with LGBTQ Individuals, Couples, and Families	3
Sociology 5605	Sociology of Sexuality	3
Sociology 4635	Men in Society	3
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 7710	Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice	3
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 8810	Topics in Race, Sexualities and Social Justice	3

### **To learn more, contact the Advising Coordinators for Sexuality Studies**

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## The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Sexuality Studies

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In the last 25 years, the subject of human sexuality has increasingly become the focus of academic research and scholarship from a wide range of perspectives, including the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and many professions. The field looks at how sexual practices, expressions, and representations are shaped by social, educational, religious, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts. It pays particular attention to the tension between non-normative sexualities and genders, and the concept of heterosexuality against which they are typically defined. Sexuality Studies also investigates the ways that sexuality is shaped by social roles and identities, such as race, gender, (dis)ability, nationality, and social class. As the field grows in stature and influence, graduate students have begun to pursue it as a major or secondary area of study.

The benefits of pursuing a GIS in Sexuality Studies are several. For one, the specialization provides graduate student with expertise in a truly interdisciplinary field that is transforming academic work in many different disciplines as well as across disciplines. It can thus inform the work that students do for their master's theses and dissertations, and consequently, position them to compete on the academic job market or, alternatively, in professional fields where such training is vital (e.g., health services, law, social work, education). More generally, the GIS in Sexuality Studies helps students improve their understanding of the complex diversity of our world by exploring sexuality in cross-cultural, transnational, and historical contexts.

At least four different courses must be part of the 20 hours for the GIS in Sexuality Studies, with at least 14 of those hours taken outside a student's home graduate program (including cross-listed courses so long as the student enrolls in a department other than his/her own). At least 15 of the 20 hours must be at the 600-level or above. One five-hour 500-level class can count towards the GIS so long as it is taken outside the student's home department. For elective courses (not listed here), students must have the approval of a coordinating adviser of the specialization.

### Central Courses for the Specialization

<b>Classics 508</b>	Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity	5 hr
<b>Comparative Studies 535</b>	Gender, Sexuality, and Science (cross-listed with Women's Studies 535)	5 hr
<b>English 580</b>	Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature	5 hr
<b>History 526</b>	Historical Perspectives in Sexuality: Same-Sex Sexuality in the Western World	5 hr
<b>Social Work 597</b>	Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: International Perspectives	5 hr
<b>Women's Studies 535</b>	Gender, Sexuality, and Science (cross-listed with Comparative Studies 535)	5 hr
<b>Sociology 605</b>	The Sociology of Sexuality	5 hr
<b>Sociology 635</b>	Men in Society	5 hr
<b>PAES 614</b>	Sports and Sexuality	5 hr
<b>Psychology 644</b>	Hormones and Behavior	4 hr
<b>HDFS 670.02</b>	Human Sexuality	3 hr
<b>Social Work 695.20</b>	Sexualities, Diversity, and Social Work	3 hr
<b>Arts and Sciences 710</b>	Introduction to Graduate Study in Sexuality Studies	5 hr
<b>PAES/T&amp;L 744</b>	Sexualities and Education	3 hr
<b>History 780</b>	History of Sexualities	5 hr
<b>Comparative Studies 826</b>	Religion and Sexuality	5 hr
<b>Women's Studies 870</b>	Topics in Sexuality Studies	5 hr

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