MINOR IN LGBTQ STUDIES

The LGBTQ Studies minor requires 5 courses; you can tailor your choices to meet your research interests.

By taking our courses or minoring in the program you will:

▼ Explore the diversity of forms that sexuality has taken historically and in contemporary contexts across the globe

▼ Examine the lives and representations of those considered sexual minorities and how the category of sexuality intersects dynamically with other identity categories

▼ Use sexuality as a critical lens for analyzing not only institutions, discourses, and literatures, but also communities, cultures and sub-cultures

▼ Analyze the forces that have affected LGBTQ communities and the ways that resistance and regulation serve as counter forces for freedom and constraint

▼ Destabilize normative categories and interrogate the social construction of power, status, and hierarchies in economic, political, and social institutions and movements

What “queer” refers to:
“the open mesh of possibilities, gaps, overlaps, dissonances and resonances, lapses and excesses of meaning when the constituent elements of anyone’s gender, of anyone’s sexuality aren’t made (or can’t be made) to signify monolithically.”

-Eve Sedgwick, “Tendencies”

Interested in our courses or in becoming a minor?

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Study LGBTQ films through FMST electives

“Minoring in LGBTQ was the best thing I did in college; it was the best thing I could have done. It drastically changed who I am as a person and the way that I view the world. I moved from seeing LGBTQ Studies as a field that is about LGBTQ rights and advocacy to a field that helped me theorize and understand the spectrum of genders and the spectrum of sexualities and other identities, not just in the context of the contemporary United States, but in the world, across time and across cultures.”

-Kate Zucker, ‘15
We need to understand how we are implicated in systems of oppression in WMST 202.