

LGBT - LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER STUDIES

LGBT411 Black Queer Studies (3 Credits)

Black Queer Studies is an intersectional and interdisciplinary approach to LGBTQ+ Studies and Black Studies. In this course, we will center Blackness to meditate upon the overlapping and interwoven categories of race, gender, and sexuality with the goal of decoupling whiteness from LGBTQ+ studies and decoupling heterosexuality from Black studies. We will look at texts from the humanities and social sciences as well literature and film in order to trace topical trajectories of Black queer thought. We will explore the meaning of queerness in relation to blackness, touch upon moments in black queer history, analyze questions of black queer representation and erasure, and press upon "hot button" topics such as queer identity and the black church, African and global queer and trans identities, Blackness and homophobia, white LGBTQ+ racism, and Black queer pleasure. Throughout we will consider how Black queer liberation can and has provided tools and a guide for our collective liberation.

Cross-listed with: AAAS416, WGSS411.

Credit Only Granted for: LGBT411, WGSS411, LGBT448L, or AAAS416.

Formerly: LGBT448L.

LGBT438 Advanced Topics in LGBTQ Studies (3 Credits)

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Cross-listed with: WGSS438.

Repeatable to: 9 credits.

LGBT448 Special Topics in LGBTQ Studies (3 Credits)

In-depth study of particular themes and issues in LGBTQ studies.

Prerequisite: LGBT200; or permission of LGBT Studies Program.

Cross-listed with: WGSS449.

Restriction: Junior standing or higher.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

LGBT448W Sex, Gender, and Jewish Identity (3 Credits)

An exploration of Jewish embodiment, including dynamics related to biological sex, culturally-framed gender, and sexuality. Topics of discussion may include transgender and intersex Jews, stereotypes and gender performance, modesty, genetics, and body alteration. Focus is on contemporary Jewish culture, framed within the larger historical and textual tradition.

Prerequisite: 1 course in WGSS; or 1 course in JWST; or 1 course in LGBT; or permission of instructor.

Cross-listed with: JWST492, WGSS492.

Credit Only Granted for: JWST492, JWST409G, LGBT448W, WMST498W or WGSS492.

Formerly: WMST498W and JWST409G.

LGBT459 Selected Topics in Sexuality and Literature (3 Credits)

Detailed study of sexuality as an aspect of literary and cultural expression.

Prerequisite: Must have completed two lower-level English courses, at least one in literature.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

LGBT475 Magical Black Femmes: Queering Black Femininity (3 Credits)

Queer femme identity, rooted in 1940s and 1950s bar culture, continues to resonate. Often linked with butch, femme is a queer, feminine expression that challenges the binary tying femininity to cisgender, heterosexual women. Femme exists outside that frame. Black women have long moved beyond white heteropatriarchal norms, and Black femmes of all genders have turned that resistance into power. This course explores Black femme identity as a radical critique of gender, sexuality, and whiteness. Through cultural studies and humanities methods, we will examine femme's complexity and how it unsettles what we assume about queerness, femininity, and identity.

Recommended: LGBT200 or another LGBT course.

Cross-listed with: AAAS475, WGSS475.

Credit Only Granted for: LGBT475, WGSS475, AAAS475 or LGBT448E.

Formerly: LGBT448E.

LGBT488 Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (1-3 Credits)

Developments in theories and methods of LGBT Studies, with emphasis upon interaction between the humanities and the social sciences in the elaboration of this interdisciplinary area of scholarship.

Prerequisite: 9 credits in LGBT courses; and permission of LGBT Studies Program.

Recommended: LGBT200. And ENGL265; or CMLT291.

Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

Formerly: CMLT498Y.

LGBT499 Independent Study (1-3 Credits)

Directed research and analysis in LGBT Studies on a topic selected by the student.

Prerequisite: LGBT200; and permission of LGBT Studies Program.

Restriction: Senior standing.

Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.