

# LGBTQ STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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See Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/women-gender-sexuality-studies/#facultytext>) for faculty roster.

The LGBTQ Studies Certificate Program provides students an opportunity for interdisciplinary study of the lives, experiences, identities, and representations of LGBTQ people. Any student in good standing may enroll in the certificate program by declaring their intention to the Harriett Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

The LGBTQ Studies Certificate is a 21 credit program. For additional information, or to initiate the process of declaring the certificate, please contact the undergraduate advisor at [wgss@umd.edu](mailto:wgss@umd.edu) or 301-405-6827. Students are advised to meet with the department advisor to add the certificate by the time they have reached 75 credits, if not before.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate familiarity with major concepts and vocabulary in the field of LGBTQ Studies.
2. Students will understand and be able to critique key developments in LGBTQ thought as strategies of social change and production of knowledge about gender and sexuality in the context of social relations of difference and power.
3. Students will demonstrate critical reasoning and research skills in the field of LGBTQ Studies.

## REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Curriculum</b>		
Foundation Course		3
LGBT200	Queer Worlds: Studies in Gender and Sexuality	
Capstone Course (select one of the following)		3
LGBT386	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Organization Internship	
LGBT488	Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Elective Courses <sup>1</sup>		15
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> **Elective Courses:** Students must take five elective courses, at least three of which must be upper division. Electives must cover at least three of the following six thematic areas. Courses may be designated by the faculty who are teaching them as covering more than one of these areas. Students may also request that courses be counted as covering one or more areas.

1. Arts, Technology and Cultural Production
2. Transnational Politics and Perspectives
3. Institutions, Politics, and/or social Movements
4. Race, Ethnicity, and Class
5. Transgender Studies
6. Queer and/or Feminist Theory

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.

### Other Program Requirements:

- No course earned with a grade below "C-" will count toward the certificate in LGBTQ Studies.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the certificate is required for graduation.
- Students may use a maximum of nine credits (or three courses) to satisfy the requirements of both their major and the certificate in LGBTQ Studies.
- No more than nine of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park.