



Twin Cities Campus

Feminist and Critical Sexuality Studies Minor

Gender, Women and Sexuality

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 15
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The graduate minor program in Feminist and Critical Sexuality Studies is located in the Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS). The minor is designed for students with widely flexible interests and academic aims looking for advanced graduate academic training in feminist and critical sexuality studies. The program is also designed to provide an interdisciplinary graduate program in GLBTQ studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Feminist and Critical Sexuality Studies director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

Students must submit a letter of application to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies articulating a clear relationship between their doctoral research and the goals, curriculum, and scholarly resources of the minor. A focus or strong interest in interdisciplinary work is preferred.

A prerequisite undergraduate major or minor in gender, women and/or GLBTQ/sexuality studies is preferred. General knowledge of relevant scholarship in some combination of previous coursework, research and writing, and/or organizational activity/experience is expected.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

All coursework applied to the minor must be taken on the A-F grade basis.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.75.

Required Courses (3 credits)

Select one of the following courses in consultation with the Feminist and Critical Sexuality director of graduate studies:

[GWSS 8108](#) - Genealogies of Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)

[GWSS 8109](#) - Feminist Knowledge Production (3.0 cr)



Electives (12 credits)

Select courses from the following in consultation with the Feminist and Critical Sexuality director of graduate studies. Other courses may be applied with director of graduate studies approval.

- GWSS 5104 - Transnational Feminist Theory (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5190 - Topics: Theory, Knowledge, and Power (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5290 - Topics: Biology, Health, and Environmental Studies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 5406 - Black Feminist Thought in the American and African Diasporas (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8103 - Feminist Theories of Knowledge (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8210 - Seminar: Feminist Theory & Praxis (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8220 - Seminar: Science, Technology & Environmental Justice (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8230 - Seminar: Cultural Criticism and Media Studies (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8250 - Seminar: Nation, State, and Citizenship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8260 - Seminar: Race, Representation and Resistance (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8270 - Seminar: Theories of Body (3.0 cr)
- GWSS 8490 - Seminar: Transnational, Postcolonial, Diaspora (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

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