Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies

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Overview
UCI’s Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies is dedicated to the study of women, gender, and sexuality in their complex articulation with race, ethnicity, class, religion, and nationality. The Department’s goal is to foster critical and creative analysis of the various disciplinary perspectives—historical, political, economic, representational, technological, and scientific—that have constituted women, gender, and sexuality as objects of study. By emphasizing a rigorous interdisciplinary perspective in their teaching and research, the Gender and Sexuality Studies faculty seek to produce new knowledge about the social meanings of gender, race, class, and sexuality, and to equip students with a range of analytical and methodological skills.

The field of women’s studies has developed at a phenomenal rate from a handful of student-initiated courses in the early 1970s to more than 600 programs in colleges and universities across the United States offering degrees at the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. levels. UCI’s Department of Women’s Studies was founded as a program in 1975 and has grown significantly since that time. To reflect its expanding scope of inquiry, the department changed its name in 2014 to the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies. The Department offers a B.A. degree in Gender and Sexuality Studies, a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies, a minor in Queer Studies, and a graduate emphasis in Feminist Studies.

Gender and Sexuality Studies provides a unique intellectual community for undergraduate and graduate students, where faculty and students share a commitment to interactive teaching and learning. Students work closely with faculty to plan a coherent program of study and to anticipate work toward advanced degrees and a wide variety of career options.

Career Opportunities
A degree in Gender and Sexuality Studies prepares students for the expanding opportunities available in graduate programs and in numerous careers in both the public and private sectors. Businesses and corporations increasingly find the need for increased knowledge about gender and sexuality, and the growth of organizations and agencies that deal with women’s and LGBT rights issues—at the local, national, and global levels—is creating new opportunities for graduates with specializations in Gender and Sexuality Studies. Graduates bring unique skills and knowledge to the professions of law, medicine, social work, education, counseling, and to government service, all of which increasingly require expertise on issues concerning gender and sexuality. Students of Gender and Sexuality Studies develop critical and analytical skills which prove valuable in the full range of life choices.

The UCI Career Center provides services to students and alumni including career counseling, information about job opportunities, a career library, and workshops on resume preparation, job search, and interview techniques.

Undergraduate Program
Requirements for the B.A. in Gender and Sexuality Studies
All students must meet the University Requirements.
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Departmental Requirements for the Major

A. Three introductory core courses:

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**GEN&SEX 120A**  Modern Pleasures  
**GEN&SEX 120B**  Image Problems  
**GEN&SEX 120C**  Practices of Embodiment  

C. Three advanced elective core courses selected from GEN&SEX 139–190  
D. Complete:  
**GEN&SEX 197**  Senior Seminar in Gender and Sexuality Studies  

**Residence Requirement for the Major:** A minimum of five upper-division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at UCI.

**Requirements for the Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies**

**Departmental Requirements**

A. Three introductory core courses selected from:

- **GEN&SEX 20**  Queer Studies  
- **GEN&SEX 50A**  Gender and Feminism in Everyday Life  
- **GEN&SEX 50B**  Gender and Power  
- **GEN&SEX 50C**  Gender and Popular Culture  
- **GEN&SEX 60A**  Gender and Science  
- **GEN&SEX 60B**  Gender and Law  
- **GEN&SEX 60C**  Gender and Religion  

B. Three advanced core courses selected from the following:

- **GEN&SEX 100A**  Feminism and Social Change  
- **GEN&SEX 100B**  Feminist Theory  
- **GEN&SEX 100C**  Feminist Cultural Studies  
- **GEN&SEX 110A**  Gender, State, and Nation  
- **GEN&SEX 110B**  Money, Sex, and Power  
- **GEN&SEX 110C**  Histories of Sexuality  
- **GEN&SEX 120A**  Modern Pleasures  
- **GEN&SEX 120B**  Image Problems  
- **GEN&SEX 120C**  Practices of Embodiment  

C. One advanced elective course selected from GEN&SEX 129–190  

**Residence Requirement for the Minor:** A minimum of four upper-division courses required for the minor must be completed successfully at UCI. By petition, two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate department chair.

**Requirements for the Minor in Queer Studies**

The Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies offers a minor in Queer Studies. Taking as a point of departure that sexuality is a complex historical and cultural phenomenon, Queer Studies examines this complexity, drawing upon methods from anthropology, art, art history, biology, history, literature, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. Interdisciplinary insights from area studies, cultural studies, critical legal studies, ethnic studies, gender studies, religious studies, science and technology studies, visual studies, and women’s studies also enrich this area of study.

**Departmental Requirements**

A. Three introductory core courses:

- **GEN&SEX 20**  Queer Studies  
  and select two of the following:
- **GEN&SEX 50A**  Gender and Feminism in Everyday Life  
- **GEN&SEX 50B**  Gender and Power  
- **GEN&SEX 50C**  Gender and Popular Culture  
- **GEN&SEX 60A**  Gender and Science  
- **GEN&SEX 60B**  Gender and Law  
- **GEN&SEX 60C**  Gender and Religion  

B. Two advanced core courses:

- **GEN&SEX 157A**  Topics in Queer Studies  
- **GEN&SEX 157B**  Topics in Queer Lives and Knowledge  

C. Two advanced courses selected from the following:
Residence Requirement for the Minor: A minimum of four upper-division courses required for the minor must be successfully completed at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the appropriate department chair.

Graduate Emphasis in Feminist Studies

The Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an emphasis in Feminist Studies, which is available to all graduate students at UCI. Satisfactory completion of the emphasis is certified by the Graduate Director of Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Admission

Students may apply for admission to the emphasis following successful completion of either GEN&SEX 200A or GEN&SEX 200B. For complete information about application policies and procedures, refer to the Gender and Sexuality Studies website (http://www.humanities.uci.edu/genderandsexualitystudies/graduate) or contact the Graduate Director.

Emphasis Requirements

Minimum course work for the graduate emphasis in Feminist Studies consists of four courses: two core courses, GEN&SEX 200A-GEN&SEX 200B, a coherent sequence normally taken in consecutive quarters; one elective graduate seminar in the Department of Gender & Sexuality Studies; and one additional graduate seminar in feminist scholarship taught outside of the department and chosen from a list of courses approved by the Graduate Director of the Graduate Emphasis in Feminist Studies. The course requirements for Ph.D., M.A., and M.F.A. candidates are the same.

For doctoral students, the qualifying examination and dissertation topic should incorporate Feminist Studies in a meaningful way. One member of the candidate’s qualifying examination committee and of the candidate’s dissertation committee must be a member of the Gender and Sexuality Studies core or affiliate faculty. There are no requirements concerning qualifying examinations or theses for M.A. or M.F.A. students.

Requirements for Completion

During the final year of their graduate program, students apply and submit a sample of work related to Feminist Studies (e.g., a dissertation chapter or substantive paper, a video, or other creative work). Upon receipt, the Graduate Director will verify completion of four required graduate courses related to Feminist Studies.

NOTE: The dissertation may be accepted in fulfillment of the sample of work when Feminist Studies is incorporated in a substantive way.

Faculty

Jonathan Alexander, Ph.D. Louisiana State University, Campus Writing Coordinator and Professor of English; Culture and Theory; Education; Gender and Sexuality Studies (writing studies, sexuality studies, queer theory, new media studies)

Christine Bacareza Balance, Ph.D. New York University, Associate Professor of Asian American Studies; Culture and Theory; Gender and Sexuality Studies (Performance studies, popular music, critical race and ethnic studies, Filipino/Filipino American studies, queer & feminist theory)

Laura H. Kang, Ph.D. University of California, Santa Cruz, Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies; Comparative Literature (feminist epistemologies and theories, cultural studies, ethnic studies)
Lilith Mahmud-Abdelwahab, Ph.D. Harvard University, *Associate Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies; Anthropology* (elites, race and nationalism, cultural capital, secrecy and conspiracy, feminist ethnography, critical studies of Europe)

Nasrin Rahimieh, Ph.D. University of Alberta, *Department Chair and Professor of Comparative Literature; Gender and Sexuality Studies* (Modern Persian literature and culture, diaspora studies, women's writing.)

Catherine Z. Sameh, Ph.D. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, *Assistant Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (Iranian feminism, human rights, transnational feminisms, gender and social movements in the Middle East and Muslim world, Islam, women of color feminisms)

Jeanne Scheper, Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, *Associate Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (feminist performance studies and visual culture, cultural studies, theories of race, gender and sexuality, trans-Atlantic modernism)

Jennifer Terry, Ph.D. University of California, Santa Cruz, *Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies; Comparative Literature; Gender and Sexuality Studies* (cultural studies, social theory; science and technology studies, formations of gender and sexuality, critical approaches to modernity, American studies in transnational perspective, processes of militarization)

Emily Thuma, Ph.D. New York University, *Assistant Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (gender, race, and sexuality in 20th-century U.S. history; feminist studies; queer studies; social movements and the state; criminalization and imprisonment)

Heidi E. Tinsman, Ph.D. Yale University, *Professor of History; Gender and Sexuality Studies* (Latin America, gender and sexuality, world history)