

# **GLBT Studies Minor**

University of Houston

The GLBT Studies minor at the University of Houston aims to recognize the scholarly importance of GLBT people and their contribution to politics and theory. It will offer students a rich interdisciplinary framework in which to understand and critically examine this dynamic academic field. This minor will allow students to question and analyze the complex roles and implications of sexuality, gender and sexual identity. In a world where GLBT people are more visible and prominent than ever before, having a strong background in GLBT history, literature, culture and theory is an increasingly valuable part of any education. The GLBT Studies Minor will be pivotal in the mission of the University of Houston to promote diversity and equality.

The minor would consist of the following 18 hour requirement:

- I. 3 hours in Introduction to GLBT Studies (course is currently being developed under the ILAS rubric)
- II. 9 hours in approved GLBT studies advanced courses
- III. 3 hours from the list of approved Women's Studies courses
- IV. 3 hours in an approved capstone course (supervised research, field-based service, internship, or an additional 3 hours in elective GLBT studies course)

At least twelve (12) of the eighteen hours must be taken in residence of which 6 must be advanced. A minimum 2.00 grade point average is required for all courses attempted in the minor.

The interdisciplinary nature of this minor requires students not to confine course work to any one department. A minimum of nine (9) hours of approved coursework (including the Introduction to GLBT Studies course) from the Humanities and a minimum of six (6) hours approved coursework from the Social Sciences must be taken (see suggested courses listed below). A maximum of six (6) hours approved transfer substitutes will be accepted toward the minor, and no more than six (6) semester hours in a student's major may apply to a minor in GLBT Studies.

## **Current and future GLBT Catalogue Courses at the University of Houston**

The following is a list of current catalogue courses that can be counted toward the GLBT Studies minor. In addition, courses currently listed as Women's Studies courses would be vetted to determine if they met the GLBT Studies minor needs. Finally, an introduction to GLBT Studies is being prepared and will be offered out of the Women's Studies program.

### **List of suggested courses\*:**

#### **Humanities**

#### **Women's Studies**

2350: Introduction to GLBT Studies (will be taught in Spring 2009)\*\*

4350: Supervised research, field-based service, or internship (appropriate courses will be proposed in the fall of 2008 for each of the categories: research, service, and internship)

## Classical Studies

3380: Epic Masculinity: Ideologies of Manhood in Ancient Epic and Modern Film  
4375: Gender and Race in Greek Myth

## English

3367: Gay and Lesbian Literature  
4341: Queer Theory

## Hispanic Studies

6397: Gender and Sexuality in Colonial Latin America (an undergraduate 4396 course will be proposed to be included)

## History

3300: History of Private Life  
3302: Sex and Society in American History  
3387: Freud and Psychoanalysis

## World Cultures and Literatures

4398: Latino Sexuality

## Social Science

### Anthropology

3306: Sex and Culture

### Psychology

3337: Psychology of Human Sexuality

### Sociology

3315: Sexuality and Society  
3390: Sociology of Gender

## **A partial listing of Faculty currently working in the field of GLBT Studies**

Dr. Norris Lang, Anthropology  
Dr. Margot Backus, English  
Dr. Maria C. Gonzalez, English  
Dr. Natalie Houston, English  
Dr. James Zebroski, English  
Dr. Eduardo Contreras, History  
Dr. Guillermo De Los Reyes, Spanish  
Dr. Tracy X. Karner, Sociology

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\* The list of courses that will be taught in the Spring 2009 will be available soon

\*\* Since this is the first time this course will be offered at UH, it may be taught in Spring 2009 as ILAS 2396