

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**REQUEST TO ADD A TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER/SEXUALITIES STUDIES MINOR IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL
ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-2018***

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following addition to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on February 3, 2016, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by February 11, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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1. **Type of Proposal** New Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor

2. **Official Name:** LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Transcript-Recognized Minor

3. **Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2016

4. **Field of Study, CIP Code** (administrative unit awarding the certificate):
24.0199 Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities, Other.
05.0299 Ethnic, Cultural Minority, Gender, and Group Studies, Other. (05.0299)
Illustrative Examples: Women's, Gay and Lesbian Studies, Integrated

5. **Statement of Objective:** Liberal Arts; Degrees and Programs; Transcript-Recognized Minors
The field of LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies has emerged over the past 30 years. The importance of distinguishing between gender (definitions of masculinity and femininity) and sexuality (which concerns sexual orientation and desire) was an early insight of Women's and Gender Studies scholars, and LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies has become a distinct subfield addressing those areas. The decisive impact of queer theory, a critique of normative assumptions about sexual orientation, desire, and sexual identity, on cultural studies is evident across the humanities. The field is also shaped by and shapes new developments in area studies and interdisciplinary work, and responds to and influences social movements including AIDS activism, increased visibility in media and mainstream culture, advances in obtaining civil rights, including domestic partner benefits, and struggles over marriage, immigration, and other issues.

Founded in 2004, the LGBTQ/Sexualities Research Cluster brings together faculty, graduate students and undergraduates from across campus to share research in feminist and queer studies, the history of sexuality, and related fields. Students began lobbying the Research Cluster in the early 2000s to provide a program of study in this area, and with new hires in CWGS and other programs and departments, we now have a robust roster of courses and faculty in many disciplines to meet this demand.

The Center for Women's & Gender Studies recognizes the field of LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies, and established courses such as: WGS 303 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies; and WGS 335 Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies. The Transcript-Recognized Minor will allow students at the University of Texas at Austin to receive official recognition of participation in this academic field.

6. **Admissions requirement (if any):** Students must be in good standing at the University of Texas at Austin, fill out the online application with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies, join the LGBTQ Studies email list serve, maintain regular contact with the LGBTQ/Sexualities Research Cluster and/or the Center for Women's & Gender Studies Undergraduate Academic Advisor.

7. **Number of Students Expected to Receive the Transcript-Recognized Minor Each Semester:** Fifteen

8. **Anticipated Enrollment Capacity?** Sixty-five

9. **Number of Hours Required for Completion:** Fifteen

10. Composition of the Minor Faculty Committee (including the committee chair):

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Cvetkovich, Ann	Liberal Arts/English	Professor*	PhD, Cornell
Gonzalez-Lopez, Gloria	Liberal Arts/Sociology	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of Southern California
Hoad, Neville	Liberal Arts/English	Associate Professor*	PhD, Columbia University
Moore, Lisa	Liberal Arts/English	Professor*	PhD, Cornell
Richardson, Matt	Liberal Arts/English, African and African Diaspora Studies	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of California, Berkley
Tinsley, Natasha (Omise'eke)	Department of African and African Diaspora Studies	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of California, Berkley

11. Academic Course Requirements: Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this minor program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
WGS 303	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
WGS 305	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 335	Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered 335 topics]</i>	3
WGS 322	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Social Sciences. <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3
WGS 323	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Natural Sciences. <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3
WGS 324	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in Communication. <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3
WGS 340	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3
WGS 345	Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3
WGS 350	Feminist Theory <i>[Other upper-division WGS courses and topics must be pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.]</i>	3

TBD	Other course pre-approved by LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Research Cluster chair.	3
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12. Other Minor Requirements: Students must be in good standing at the University of Texas at Austin, fill out the online application with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies, join the LGBTQ Studies email list serve, and maintain regular contact with the LGBTQ/Sexualities Research Cluster and/or the Center for Women's & Gender Studies Undergraduate Academic Advisor.

13. College/School Approval Process:

Approver: Richard Flores Date: May 13, 2015

Title: Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies Minor:

Fifteen semester-credit hours, including:

1. Women's and Gender Studies 303, Introduction to LGBTQ Studies or Women's and Gender Studies 305, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
2. Six hours in Women's and Gender Studies 335, Topics in LGBTQ Studies
3. Six semester credit hours, chosen from:
 - a. Women's and Gender Studies 335
 - b. an upper-division WGS course
 - c. another course approved by Research Cluster chair