

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities

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About This Program

Our Gender and Sexuality Studies program offers a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the complexities of gender and sexuality in contemporary society. With passionate faculty, engaging coursework and a welcoming community, you will have the opportunity to explore your interests, develop critical thinking skills and make a positive impact in the world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

General and operations managers

- 5.8% faster than the average
- 2,486,400 number of jobs
- \$103,650 potential earnings

Human resources specialists

- 7.0% faster than the average
- 666,500 number of jobs
- \$63,490 potential earnings

Lawyers

- 4.0% about as fast as the average
- 813,900 number of jobs
- \$126,930 potential earnings

Legal support workers, all other

- -1.2% decline
- 50,400 number of jobs
- \$59,540 potential earnings

Management analysts

- 10.7% much faster than the average
- 876,300 number of jobs
- \$87,660 potential earnings

Office and administrative support workers, all other

- 4.0% about as fast as the average
- 220,800 number of jobs
- \$35,890 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Transfer Students: Students who have attended any other educational institution after graduating from high school must apply as undergraduate transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students or graduates who have not attended another college or university since Kent State may complete the reenrollment or reinstatement form on the University Registrar's website.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the program's Coursework tab.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
GSS 10100	INTRODUCTION TO GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
GSS 30500	METHODOLOGIES AND PRAXIS IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
GSS 40450	GENDER AND SEXUALITY ROUNDTABLE	3
GSS 40591	SEMINAR IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
Discourse, Identity and Human Dynamics Elective, choose from the following:		3
ENG 31012	GENDER AND LANGUAGE	
ENG 33013	AFRICANA WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
ENG 34021	WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVD)	
HIST 31075	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES	
LGBT 40201	TRANSGENDER STUDIES	
PACS 31002	GENDER, POWER AND CONFLICT	
POL 40470	WOMEN, POLITICS AND POLICY (DIVD)	
WMST 30202	FEMINIST HUMOR: DISARMING LAUGHTER, DISRUPTIVE DISCOURSE	
Thematic Elective, choose from the following:		3
AFS 33110	BLACK WOMEN, CULTURE AND SOCIETY: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVD)	
AFS 33120	THE BLACK MAN: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES	
AFS 33130	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	
HIST 31077	HISTORY OF SEXUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES	
LGBT 30120	LGBTQ RIGHTS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES	
WMST 30201	WITCHES: THE MONSTROUS FEMININE	
WMST 30302	GLOBAL FEMINISMS: A WORLD AND CENTURY OF WOMEN'S ACTIVISM	
WMST 32323	RAPE CULTURE: RETHINKING DANGER, POWER, SEX AND FEMINIST FRAMINGS	
Theory and Thought Elective, choose from the following:		3
AFS 43100	RACE, CLASS AND FEMINIST THOUGHT	
LGBT 40202	QUEER THEORY	
PHIL 31040	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY (DIVD)	
WMST 30001	ARENAS FOR FEMINIST THOUGHT: TOUCHY SUBJECTS, UNSETTLED MATTERS AND FEMINIST RESPONSE-ABILITY	
Major Electives, choose from the following:		9
AFS 33100	THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES (DIVD)	
AFS 33120	THE BLACK MAN: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES	
AFS 33130	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	
AFS 43100	RACE, CLASS AND FEMINIST THOUGHT	
BSCI 10001	HUMAN BIOLOGY (KBS)	
COMM 35912	GENDER AND COMMUNICATION (DIVD)	
CRIM 36800	LGBTQ POPULATIONS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM (DIVD)	
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)	
ENG 31012	GENDER AND LANGUAGE	
ENG 33013	AFRICANA WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVG)	

ENG 34021	WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVD)
HED 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY
HED 44025	WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES
HED 44544	SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS
HED 46057	ADVANCED HUMAN SEXUALITY
HIST 31033	WITCHES AND EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1500-1800
HIST 31075	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES
HIST 31077	HISTORY OF SEXUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES
JWST 30100	JEWISH WOMEN IN THE MODERN WORLD
LGBT 30120	LGBTQ RIGHTS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
LGBT 40201	TRANSGENDER STUDIES
LGBT 40202	QUEER THEORY
PACS 31002	GENDER, POWER AND CONFLICT
PHIL 31040	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY (DIVD)
POL 40470	WOMEN, POLITICS AND POLICY (DIVD)
SOC 32565	SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES (DIVD)
SOC 42315	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (DIVD)
THEA 41115	LGBTQ THEATRE (DIVD)
WMST 30001	ARENAS FOR FEMINIST THOUGHT: TOUCHY SUBJECTS, UNSETTLED MATTERS AND FEMINIST RESPONSE-ABILITY
WMST 30091	KEY CONVERSATIONS THROUGH WOMEN'S STUDIES (DIVD)
WMST 30201	WITCHES: THE MONSTROUS FEMININE
WMST 30202	FEMINIST HUMOR: DISARMING LAUGHTER, DISRUPTIVE DISCOURSE
WMST 30302	GLOBAL FEMINISMS: A WORLD AND CENTURY OF WOMEN'S ACTIVISM
WMST 32323	RAPE CULTURE: RETHINKING DANGER, POWER, SEX AND FEMINIST FRAMINGS
WMST 44321	PIVOTAL PRAXIS: EXPERIMENTS IN ACTIONABLE FEMINISM

Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)

UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		39

Minimum Total Credit Hours:

120

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students need the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options²:

1. Intermediate I and II of the same language
2. Elementary I and II of a second language
3. Any combination of two courses from the following list:

- Intermediate I of the same language
- ARAB 21401
- ASL 19401
- CHIN 25421
- MCLS 10001
- MCLS 20001
- MCLS 20091
- MCLS 21417
- MCLS 21420
- MCLS 22217
- MCLS 28403
- MCLS 28404

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University; or (3) demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language. When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One	Credits
GSS 10100 INTRODUCTION TO GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
UC 10001 FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language Requirement	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	14
Semester Two	
Theory and Thought Elective	3
Foreign Language Requirement	4
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	16
Semester Three	
Thematic Elective	3
Foreign Language Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3

Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Four	
GSS 30500 METHODOLOGIES AND PRAXIS IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
Discourse, Identity and Human Dynamics Elective	3
Foreign Language Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Five	
GSS 40450 GENDER AND SEXUALITY ROUNDTABLE	3
Major Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Six	
Major Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
General Electives	6
Credit Hours	15
Semester Seven	
Major Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight	
GSS 40591 SEMINAR IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours

Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.

Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours
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Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Identify key terms, theories and conceptual frameworks in the analysis of gender and sexuality.
2. Examine the multiple and complex ways gender and sexuality are constructed through, and across, different identities, discourses and systems of power.
3. Think critically about contemporary debates and issues related to gender and sexuality and devise policy interventions to address them.
4. Apply multiple thematic areas in analyzing questions, dynamics and issues surrounding gender and sexuality and contribute with agency in social discourse.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Gender and Sexuality Studies takes a multidisciplinary and intersectional approach to examining ideas and processes that shape people's understanding about gender, sexualities and bodies throughout space and time. Scholarly investigation and production in this discipline emerged from sociological inquiry on human sexuality as well as from feminist, LGBTQ and anti-racist histories and activism to combat social inequality. This program skillfully provides both the theoretical and the praxis of the field while integrating these different and contributing perspectives regarding gender and sexuality.