

QUEER STUDIES COURSES

Queer studies is an interdisciplinary field with the goal of recognizing and disrupting notions of normative sexuality and gender. This analytic framework aligns with critiques of social constructions of race, class, ability, and nation. Queer studies produces examinations and theories that reveal mechanisms and structures of power and works to destabilize systemic oppression. Through this mode of analysis queer studies scholars develop a language with which to read, critique, and deconstruct systems that structure our lives. Queer studies forwards theories that deepen understandings of pleasure, loss, performativity, embodiment, visibility, representation, and resistance. The Study of Women and Gender makes explicit the links between theories of gender, sexuality, race, class, nation and ability.

In queer courses, students are encouraged to consider the historical and theoretical foundations of queer studies as well as the potential consequences (epistemological and political) of a queer studies critique. This might include attention to the connections between queer studies and critical race studies, feminism and queer studies, and feminist science studies and queer theory; the implications of a queer studies critique for other disciplines is vast and inviting.

Courses

The following is a list of courses that may count toward the concentration. The [Smith College Course Catalog](#) is always the definitive source for determining if course is offered this academic year. [Five College Queer Studies Courses](#) also satisfy the major's queer studies requirement as well.

Study of Women and Gender/Women's Studies

- SWG 100 Issues in Queer Studies (2 credit)
- SWG 200 The Queer 90's
- SWG 2xx Gender and Sexuality in Asian America
- SWG 203 Queer of Color Critique
- SWG 220 Introduction to Queer Studies
- SWG 227 Feminist and Queer Disability Studies
- SWG 270 Colloquium: Oral History and Lesbian Subjects

- SWG 290 Gender, Sexuality and Popular Culture
- SWG 305 Queer Histories and Cultures
- SWG 314 Seminar: Documenting Queer Lives
- SWG 329 LGBTQ Politics and Post Colonialism
- SWG 321 Marxist Feminism

Africana Studies

- AFR 289 Race, Feminism and Resistance in movements for Social Change

American Studies

- AMS 220 Dance Music, Sex, Romance: Popular Music, Gender, and Sexuality From Rock to Rap

Art History

- ARH 374 Gender, Sexuality and the Built Environment

Comparative Literature

- CLT204 Writings and Rewritings: Queering Don Quixote

English

- ENG 273 Bloomsbury and Sexuality
- ENG 284 Victorian Sexualities

French Studies

- FRN 230 Banlieue Lit
- FRN 380 Topics in Cultural Studies: Immigration and Sexuality

Government

- GOV 269 Politics of Gender and Sexuality
- GOV 366 Seminar in Political Theory: The Politics of Heterosexuality
- GOV 366 Seminar in Political Theory: The Political Theory of Michel Foucault

History

- HST 209 Aspects of Middle Eastern History: Women, Gender and Power in the Middle East
- HST 253 Women and Gender in Contemporary Europe
- HST 259 Aspects of African History: Femininities, Masculinities and Sexualities in Africa

Religion

- REL 277 South Asian Masculinities

Sociology

- SOC 229 Sex and Gender in American Society
- SOC 253 Sociology of Sexuality: Institutions, Identities and Cultures
- SOC 323 Seminar: Topics in Gender and Social Change: Gender, Sexuality and Social Movements in Conservative Times

Spanish & Portuguese

- SPN 332 The Middle Ages Today: Queer Iberia