

LGBTQ STUDIES MINOR

The LGBTQ Studies Minor at Loyola Marymount University offers an interdisciplinary exploration of the diverse and complex experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals and communities. The program is designed to engage students in critical discussions about the historical, cultural, and social dimensions of sexuality and gender, equipping them with the theoretical tools necessary to analyze and understand the ways in which these identities intersect with other social categories. In addition to a strong emphasis on local contexts, the program is deeply committed to a transnational approach that highlights the global dimensions of LGBTQ identities and movements. By critically examining how sexuality and gender are constructed and contested across different cultural, political, and geographic contexts, students will gain a nuanced understanding of LGBTQ issues on a global scale. By drawing on perspectives from the humanities, social sciences, and other disciplines, the minor encourages students to critically examine both historical and contemporary issues, contributing to a deeper appreciation of sexual diversity and the ongoing struggles for equality and justice.

The LGBTQ Studies Minor aims to:

1. Provide students with an interdisciplinary understanding of the historical, cultural, and social contexts of LGBTQ identities and communities.
2. Equip students with critical thinking skills to analyze the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, class, and other social categories.
3. Foster a commitment to social justice by encouraging students to engage with contemporary issues affecting LGBTQ communities.
4. Prepare students for careers in fields where knowledge of LGBTQ issues is essential, including education, public health, social work, law, and advocacy.
5. Promote scholarly research and creative activities that contribute to the field of LGBTQ studies and advance social equity.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Required		
LGBT 2500	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	4
LGBT 4001	Queer Theories (Required)	4
Electives		
Select two of the following:		
LGBT 4101	Queer Migrations and Diaspora	4
LGBT 5750	Global LGBTQ+ Politics	4
Total Semester Hours		16