

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Certificate

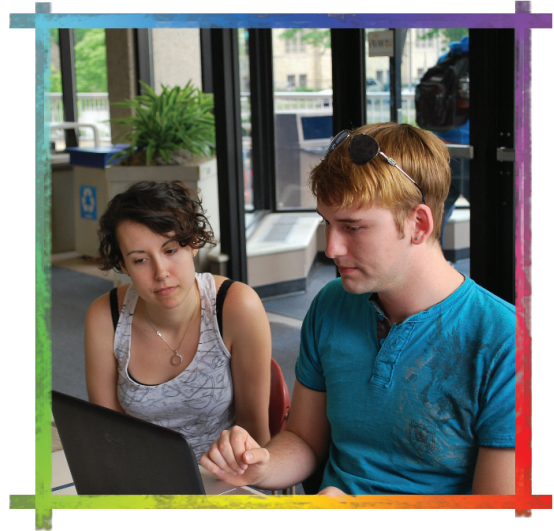
The LGBT Certificate at UWM

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Studies investigates the historical and contemporary experiences of sexual minorities and gender-marginalized people. It explores questions about sexuality, identity, gender, community, representation, diversity, assimilation, and discrimination that are both academically and socially significant. Work in this innovative program is interdisciplinary and includes materials and methods from many fields, including Africology, anthropology, communication, comparative literature, economics, English, ethnic studies, film studies, the health sciences, history, linguistics, music, nursing, political science, psychology, social welfare, sociology, theatre, and women's studies.

Is LGBT Studies Right For Me?

The certificate program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies is designed for students majoring in any field who wish to complement their study of a discipline with an additional concentration in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies. LGBT Studies gives students a strong body of knowledge into LGBT history and culture.

Students who earn the LGBT Studies certificate are prepared for careers that involve interaction with people of diverse backgrounds in areas such as business, education, health care, and law. Some go on to work in social services or public affairs, promoting equality in legislation and policy. A number of students pursue LGBT studies at the master's and Ph.D. levels as an area of focus in English, history, anthropology, philosophy, or another discipline.



Certificate Eligibility

Any student in good standing at UWM who is seeking a bachelor's degree or who previously received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university is eligible to participate in the certificate program. The program also is open to those who do not plan to pursue a college or university degree (non-degree students) but have a strong interest in the topic. To be admitted as a non-degree student, an individual must meet regular university admission requirements.

Certificate Requirements

The LGBT Studies Certificate requires completion of 18 credits in approved courses with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Required courses include:

- LGBT 200 – Introduction to LGBT Studies (3 credits)
- Wmns 301 – Queer Theory (3 credits)
- LGBT 599 – Selected Topic in LGBT Studies: (Subtitle) (3 credits)

The remaining coursework is chosen by the student from a list of approved electives. Among these electives, at least three credits must be at the 300 level or above. Students

Certificate programs are similar to minors. They are comprised of 15 to 26 credits in a specialized subject matter, and include coursework from different departments. Certificates can be combined with a degree program, or they are available as stand-alone options for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree from any accredited college or university. Many certificates also will enroll individuals with a strong interest in the topic area but who do not have a degree.

must complete at least half of their required credits in residence at UWM and are not permitted to count courses taken on a credit/no-credit basis.

Students who complete the Certificate in LGBT Studies are invited to participate in UWM's Lavender Graduation ceremony.

LGBT Resource Center

Unaffiliated with the academic program, the LGBT Resource Center provides a safe and welcoming space on campus for LGBT students and their allies.

Its mission is to connect with various student populations and the community at large by:

- Embracing the diversity of the UWM student community.
- Increasing the awareness, education, and presence of LGBT issues on the UWM campus.
- Providing a resource for students and community members wanting to learn about and advocate for LGBT issues.
- Fostering student leadership, and personal, academic, and professional growth through collaborations on and off campus.

The LGBT Resource Center is a student-led and student-funded initiative.

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