

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW MINOR, NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR OR
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO AN EXISTING MINOR**

A minor may be chosen by students to support the major, to offer greater job opportunities to the student on graduation, or to provide recognition of study in a second academic area. Completion of an approved minor will meet the upper-division General Education requirement. A minimum of 12 credit hours, normally at the advanced level (300-400) in a specified field of study is required.

Interdisciplinary minors require 12 credit hours of 300/400-level courses selected from at least two different disciplines with a maximum of six credits from any one discipline. Three credit hours in the interdisciplinary minor may be in the major, if a major course is listed as an option for the interdisciplinary minor. As such, it will be credited toward both the major and the interdisciplinary minor.

Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the complete policy on minors.

Minimum enrollment expectations for minors are five graduates in five years or the minor will be discontinued.

Proposed Action (check one)

New Minor New Interdisciplinary Minor Significant Changes to an Existing Minor

1. Name of proposed minor or minor to be changed:

Queer Studies

2. Description of proposed minor or change to an existing minor:

Queer Studies explores the social, historical, and cultural construction of gender and sexuality, and the diverse experiences of LGBTQ+ people. Students will examine how these experiences are shaped by race, class, disability, and other identities.

3. Rationale for proposal:
(address what the proposed minor will accomplish for students)

Students will develop skills to work in fields that focus on gender and sexual diversity, through analyzing contemporary debates within the field of queer studies and LGBTQ+ activism, and understanding the histories of LGBTQ+ people.

4. Majors likely to enroll in the minor (for new minors):

Women's Studies; English; Sociology and Criminal Justice; Communications; History; Education; Human Services

5. Projected enrollment and why (for new minors):

10 new minors/year, based on enrollments in existing Queer Studies classes

6. Proposed Effective Term:

Fall 2022

7. Resources needed, including human resources, library resources, faculty resources, and funding resources:

The minor will be supported by existing Gay Cultural Studies Ledger 6 funding, which was established to enhance the curriculum with the university. The Women's Studies Department will provide remaining faculty and operational support.

8. Program requirements: [List below all courses required for the minor, the prerequisites, and the total hours required for the minor. Submit the appropriate information through the online Course Inventory Management (CIM) process in CourseLeaf (nextcatalog.odu.edu/courseadmin) for all new courses/course changes.]

12 hours required: 3 hours in WMST/QUST 303: Queer Studies and 9 hours in LGBTQ- related topics courses including: WMST/QUST 302W: Dimensions of Diversity; WMST/QUST 305: Queer Literature; WMST/QUST 460W: Feminist and Queer Theory; CRJS 326: LGBTQ People, Crime, and Justice; and SOC 343: Sexualities in Society

9. Description (showing new copy or revised copy) for the next Undergraduate Catalog. Queer Studies explores the social, historical, and cultural construction of gender and sexuality, and the diverse experiences of LGBTQ+ people. Students will examine how these experiences are shaped by race, class, disability, and other identity categories, with a focus on social equality.

10. Schedule for offering courses (include whether the minor can be completed in two years and whether it will be available through Distance Learning) (for new minors):

Minor can be completed in two years, with courses primarily offered in person. WMST/QUST 303: Queer Studies is offered every fall semester, and all other classes are generally offered once each year.

11. Effect on current department course schedule (for new minors):

None — courses already in regular rotation

APPROVED



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External Department Chair(s) Date (If applicable)



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Effective Term _____ Major Code _____ College

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