Multicultural Queer Studies Minor

Minor in Multicultural Queer Studies

See also the Multicultural Queer Studies Pathway within the Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies (CRGS) major.

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The Program

Students completing this minor will have demonstrated the ability to:
• use intersectional analysis to examine social issues
• explain prominent debates in queer theory
• link theory to practice

The minor in Multicultural Queer Studies provides a rich mixture of interdisciplinary courses and community engagement and leadership opportunities. Students draw on classes from critical race, gender and sexuality studies, women's studies, ethnic studies, political science, psychology, education, sociology, theater arts, English, and other disciplines to study political and cultural issues related to sexual identity, sex, gender identity, and sexuality in a multicultural, multiracial, and multidisciplinary context.

All minors gain an understanding of the intersections of race, gender, sexuality and class through CRGS 108. Through engagement with debates in queer theory, students explore the workings of power and the dynamics of resistance. Minors take another seven units in approved Multicultural Queer Studies elective classes. Finally, the minor has a 2-to-3-unit component providing field-based opportunities to grapple with issues of gender and sexual identity in a political, service, or cultural context. Sites for internships might include the Raven Project, Peer Education Program for the Consent Project or Health & Wellness Program, MultiCultural Center, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Planned Parenthood, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, and local high-school-based gay-straight alliances.

This minor can be particularly useful for those planning careers in education, social work, human services, public health, law, psychology, journalism and media, social justice activism, and community development.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR

Introduction
CRGS 108 [3] Power/Privilege: Race, Class, Gender & Sexuality

Queer Theory
Options include:
CRGS 430/ANTH 430 [3-4] "Queer" Across Cultures
ENGL 360 [4] Special Topics in Literature when offered as Queer Theory

Community Engagement and Leadership
Options include:
CRGS 313/EDUC 313 [3] Community Activism
CRGS 482 [2-3] Internship Course

Consult with the advisor for approval for community engagement courses not on this list.

Elective Courses
Multicultural Queer Studies Courses
Seven approved elective units in Multicultural Queer Studies. Options include:
CRGS 235 [1] Act to End Sexualized Violence
CRGS 430/ANTH 430 [3-4] "Queer" Across Cultures (when not taken to fulfill "Queer Theory" requirement above)
ENGL 360 [4] Special Topics in Literature when offered as Queer Theory (and when not taken to fulfill "Queer Theory" requirement above)
FILM 465 [4] Film Seminar when offered as Queer Movies
PSYC 236 [1] Choices & Changes in Sexuality
PSYC 437 [3] Sexual Diversity
WS 370 [3-4] Queer Women's Lives, or
ENGL 360 [4] Special Topics in Literature when offered as Queer Women's Literature

Consult with the advisor for approval for special topics courses not on this list.