

**JUSTIFICATION FOR TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY
GRADUATE COURSE HISTORY 780
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An area of history that transcends geographic areas and chronological periods is the history of sexuality. Each year more students identify this as a topic of interest, both inside and outside the History department. I have already developed an undergraduate world history course (H523) that explores the history of sexuality and its relationship to dominant themes in world history such as religion, trade, imperialism, colonialism, sexual science, and nationalism. Currently courses on the history of sexuality at the graduate level are taught under the women's history colloquium, 781. Nevertheless, topics of masculinity and male sexuality need to be included in these courses, and there is now an interdisciplinary graduate minor in sexuality studies. I was asked to create a history course for this minor and introduce it with a separate number so that students outside history could easily recognize which course is part of the minor. The course is designed as a "Topics in Sexuality History" so that other faculty members can offer the class as well. Among the people who have taught sexuality history are Claire Robertson and Birgitte Soland, and Stephanie Smith has expressed an interest in teaching a course.