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Arts and Sciences Curriculum Office  
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Dear Arts and Sciences Curriculum Office:

On behalf of the oversight committee for the Interdisciplinary Minor in Sexuality Studies, we would like to request that the following courses be added to the core offerings for this minor:

- PAES 204: Sexuality and Health (3 hr.)
- PAES/Comp Studies 214: Introduction to Sexuality Studies (5 hr.)
- History 326: History of Modern Sexualities (5 hr.)
- Psychology 333.02: Human Behavior Problems: Sexual (5 hr.)
- Social Work 597: Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: International Perspectives (5 hr.)
- PAES 614: Sport and Sexuality (5 hr.)
- Social Work 695.20: Sexualities, Diversity, and Social Work (3 hr.)

For the Sexuality Studies minor, the term “core course” refers to a course in which the content is permanently focused on sexuality. Currently, eight courses are designated this way (see enclosed minor description), and students must take at least 10 hours from these offerings. We would like to increase our offerings of core courses for several reasons:

- (1) To represent more departments and Colleges in which the study of human sexuality is central to their mission. If the courses listed above are identified as “core,” that will add Psychology, PAES, and Social Work to the list of sponsoring departments and Colleges, thus better reflecting the interdisciplinary scope of the study of human sexuality.
- (2) To increase the options that students have for fulfilling the 10-hour core requirement of their minor program. Additional core courses will enable advisers to assist students in composing a minor program that meets both intellectual and career goals. For example, if a student expects to pursue a career in high school counseling, advisers could recommend that a student take EPL 415: Sexualities and Education (already a core course) and Psychology 333.02 as the core component of his/her minor program.
- (3) To ensure that students graduate in a timely manner. Although eight core courses might seem like an ample number, some of our current core courses are now offered only once a year or even once every two years, primarily

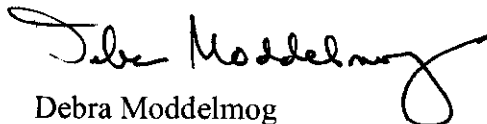
because some key faculty members who taught these courses have taken jobs at other universities. We hope units will re-staff these positions in the near future, but adding more courses to our core offerings will help to ensure that our students are not inconvenienced in their effort to graduate on time or even discouraged from pursuing the minor.

Four of the seven courses listed above that we would like to add to our core offerings have been developed since the Sexuality Studies minor was approved in 2002; three of them (PAES 204, Psychology 333.02, and Social Work 597) existed prior to 2002 but came to our attention only after the minor was initiated. Advisers have been allowing students to use them as electives, but as the enclosed letters of support indicate, the respective department chairs, directors, or deans are in favor of adding these courses to our core listings for the minor.

In 2004-05, we developed PAES/CS 214: Introduction to Sexuality Studies partly in response to a recommendation for an introductory course from several curriculum committees that initially vetted the minor. At this time, we would like not only to make this a core course but also to single it out from our core courses as one that is "highly recommended." In a few years, we hope to return to your committee with a request to make this a required course, but our oversight group does not think it would be prudent to do so at this time, mainly because two of the instructors (Luz Calvo of Comp Studies, and Brett Ginny Beemyn, who taught for PAES) who we expected to teach the course on a regular basis have left the university, and we need time to figure out how to replace them as well as to train graduate students to teach the course.

Please let us know if you need more information or supplementary materials to support this request. We would also be happy to meet with the committee should you need us to answer questions. Thank you for considering this request. The Sexuality Studies minor has been very successful in the three years it has been in existence. To date, over 45 students have selected it as their minor, and we expect that number to grow as word of the minor's existence continues to spread.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Description of Sexuality Studies Minor  
Letters of support from department chairs, directors, or deans  
Syllabi for the courses discussed in this letter

**The Ohio State University  
Interdisciplinary Minor in Sexuality Studies**

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The minor in Sexuality Studies focuses on the social, historical, psychological, literary, legal, and political contexts in which human sexualities have been and are currently being expressed and theorized. The minor pays particular attention to the tension between non-normative sexualities and the concept of heterosexuality against which they are typically defined. It also investigates the ways that sexuality is shaped by social roles and identities, such as race, gender, dis(ability), nationality, and social class.

The minor in Sexuality Studies requires 20 credit hours, with at least 10 hours selected from the core courses listed below. The remaining 10 hours can be taken from the core courses and/or a list of electives. At least 5 of the 20 hours should come from a college outside the student's own. A number of the courses listed below have prerequisites, which must be taken, and enrollment in some courses may be limited because of demand or available space. In addition, students must have approval from one of the Sexuality Studies coordinators before taking topical courses where the content changes from quarter to quarter. The approval ensures that the content for a particular course is appropriate for the minor (to be approved, at least 50% of the content of a course must address sexuality). No more than 10 credit hours of coursework at the 200 level may count toward the minor. Credits may overlap with GEC requirements. Students must maintain a C average in the minor, and no grade lower than C- will count toward the minor.

Once the Sexuality Studies coordinator (or the coordinator's designee) has approved the Minor Program Form, the student must file the form with a counselor within his or her college.

For further information about the minor, contact one of the Coordinators.

**Core Courses**

Women's Studies 370 (Varieties of Female Experience: Lesbian Cultures)  
Educational Policy and Leadership 415 (Sexualities and Education)  
Greek and Latin 508 (Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity)  
History 526 (Historical Perspectives on Sexuality: Same-Sex Sexuality in the Western World)  
Comparative Studies 535 (Gender, Sexuality, and Science)  
Women's Studies 535 (Gender, Sexuality, and Science, cross-listed with Comp Studies 535)  
English 580 (Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature)  
Sociology 605 (Sociology of Sexuality)  
Human Development and Family Science 670.02 (Human Sexuality)

**Sample Elective Courses (when topic is appropriate and with coordinator's approval)**

EDU PAES 204 (Sexuality and Health)  
EDU PAES / Comparative Studies 214 (Introduction to Sexuality Studies)  
Greek and Latin 224 (Classical Civilization: Greece)

Women's Studies 305 (Gender, Culture, and Power in International Perspective)  
History 326 (History of Modern Sexualities)  
Psychology 333.02 (Sexual Behavioral Issues)  
Psychology 644 (Behavior and Hormones)  
Comparative Studies 597 (Issues of the Contemporary World)  
English 563 (Contemporary Literature)  
English 576 (Studies in Critical Theory)  
English 579 (Special Topics in Nonfiction)  
English 592 (Women in Literature)  
Sociology 606 (Social Movements and Collective Behavior)  
EDU PAES 614 (Sport and Sexuality)  
Women's Studies 620 (Topics in Feminist Studies)  
Social Work 597 (Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: International Perspectives)  
Social Work 695.20 (Sexualities, Diversity, and Social Work)

### **General Information on Minor Programs**

1. Minor programs are not required for graduation.
2. A student may not take a major and a minor in the same subject.
3. Courses used on the minor may not be used on the major.
4. Where appropriate, overlap between the GEC and a minor is permissible unless specifically disallowed for an individual minor.
5. All minors require a minimum of 20 credit hours; some require more. No more than 10 hours of transfer credit may be applied to any minor.
6. When students complete more than one minor, each minor must contain a minimum of 20 unique hours.
7. No grade below a C- will be permitted in courses comprising the minor; the minimum overall CPHR of the minor shall be 2.00.
8. Courses taken on a Pass/Non-Pass basis may not be applied to the minor.
9. Some minors need individual approval by a faculty member; others do not. Sheets describing the individual minor contain this information.
10. Students need not file their minor programs until they file their graduation applications.
11. Once a minor program is on file in the college/school office, any changes must be discussed with the faculty adviser and/or the college/school counselor.