

LGBTQ STUDIES - CERTIFICATE

Available elective courses are listed each semester under the "Courses" tab of the program (<http://www.colorado.edu/lgbtq/>) website.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) studies at CU Boulder is an undergraduate interdisciplinary program encompassing more than 30 courses in a dozen departments. The program offers coursework, programming and internship opportunities for students looking to explore queer and trans issues through an intersectional lens.

LGBTQ studies involves the academic investigation of sexuality in established fields such as literature, history, theatre, law, medicine, economics, sociology, anthropology, political science and the arts. With its interdisciplinary approach, LGBTQ studies interweaves complex theories and analysis into the study of sexuality and gender.

Through the certificate program and the guidance of faculty advisors, students are given an opportunity to integrate a wide variety of courses, internships, and programming in order to deepen their understanding of sexuality and gender in their academic, professional and personal lives.

For more details including application instructions, visit the LGBTQ Studies Certificate (<http://www.colorado.edu/lgbtq/certificate/>) webpage or email lgbt@colorado.edu.

Note: This program is closed to new students as of Fall 2026. Prospective students may also wish to consider the Queer and Trans Studies minor (<https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/women-gender-studies/queer-trans-studies-minor/>).

Requirements

Completion of the certificate in LGBTQ studies requires the completion of 18 credit hours (9 upper-division) of approved courses with grades of C- or better.

Required Courses and Credit Hours

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
LGBT 2000	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	3
LGBT 3796	Queer Theory	3
Electives		
Twelve credit hours of approved elective courses, with at least 6 credit hours of upper-division electives ¹		12
Total Credit Hours		18

¹ Up to six credit hours of independent study may be applied toward the certificate program.

Credits earned at other institutions may be transferred in partial fulfillment of the requirements upon approval of the program director. No more than 6 credit hours of transferred coursework may be applied to the certificate.

Students are encouraged to meet with the program directors early in their course of study and again in the semester prior to the semester of graduation, to ensure that program requirements are met.