**New Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal  
Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee**

**Program Department**   Women's and Gender Studies

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**Version**   2   **ID**   505

**Title of New Program**   Queer Studies Certificate

**Proposed Starting Catalog Year**   2025-2026

**1.**

**Proposed Action**

New Major

New Minor

New Sequence

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New Certificate

More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

**2.**

**Provide *Undergraduate Catalog* copy for new program.**

Queer Studies Certificate

12 hours required  
Required courses:

* WGS 120
* WGS 292
* WGS 392

3 hours from:

* ANT 270
* ENG 262
* PHI 202
* POL 337
* SOC 123
* WGS 177

**3.**

**Provide a description for the proposed program.**

The Queer Studies Certificate is an option for students wanting to enhance their understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and two-spirit (LGBTQIA2+) issues or whose undergraduate curriculum or professional goals would be enriched by additional coursework in this vibrant field. The certificate focuses on LGBTQIA2+ histories, political movements, aesthetics, arts, cultures, literatures, contemporary experiences, and social formations from an interdisciplinary perspective.

**4.**

**Provide a rationale of proposed program.**

The previous Queer Studies Concentration allowed students an advising-based path to gain experience in contemporary and historical social issues surrounding LGBTQIA2+ communities in the United States and abroad. Transforming this option into a Certificate provides students recognized expertise on their transcripts and in their curriculuar work.

**5.**

**Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).**

The Certificate is supplemental to students' regular major and minor classes. The Certificate may lead students taking these classes to pursue the WGSS minor given the overlap in curriculum requirements.

**6.**

**Provide a sample four-year plan of study that fulfills the following requirements:** 120 hours, 42 senior college hours (200 and 300 level courses) for 2023-2024 and earlier catalog years; 40 senior college hours for 2024-2025 and later catalog years, and 39 General Education Program hours or 36 hours with exemption. If the program is a BS program, show the BS-SMT degree requirement. If the program is from CAS, show Foreign Language Requirement (LAN 111/LAN 112). IDEAS and AMALI graduation requirements. Confirm General Education requirement exemptions on the General Education page of the current Academic Catalog.*4-year plans are not required for minor or certificate program proposals.*

Proposing a certificate, not a major

**7.**

**Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses have also been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:**

N/A

**8.**

**Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.**

N/A

**9.**

**No**

**Does this program count for teacher education?**

**10.**

**No**

**Is this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?**

**11.**

**The following questions must be answered.**

**Yes**

Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?  
*A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.*

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**Financial Implications Form**

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**12.**

**Routing and action summary for New Program:**

[**Proposal Routing**](https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/Support/Routing.aspx)

**1. Women's and Gender Studies Department Curriculum Committee Chair**

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All new programs (majors, minors, sequences, certificates) are routed by the U.C.C. to the Academic Senate

**Comments**

**Comments from Version 1 from Todd Stewart ( College Curriculum Committee Chair):**  
Hi. We voted to approve this proposal pending some updates. So, while I'm hitting the revise button now to allow changes in the system, I am empowered to approve a suitably updated proposal without seeking another vote. The issue we identified is:  
  
(1) We do need a supporting letters showing that the Chairs of ANT, ENG, PHI, POL, and SOC do not object to the inclusion of their courses in this certificate program. So, please obtain such letters (emails would be fine) and answer "Yes' to question 11. The system might then allow you to upload a file containing those emails. If not, the letters might need to be combined into a single supporting document with the FIF. I don't think the curricular system allows multiple supporting documents to be uploaded.  
  
Thanks, Todd Stewart, Chair, CAS CC