



**PCC Proposal to Rename the Upper Division Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies to LGBTQ Studies (Senate Document #20-21-21)**

**TO Darryll J. Pines | President**

**FROM Laura Dugan | Chair, University Senate**

I am pleased to forward the accompanying legislation for your consideration and approval. Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Rename the Upper Division Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies to LGBTQ Studies (Senate Document #20- 21-21), which the University Senate approved at its meeting on December 8, 2020. Please inform the Senate of your decision and any administrative action related to your conclusion.

**Approved:**

**Darryll J. Pines**  
**President**

**Date:**

**12-10-2020**

Copies of this approval and the accompanying legislation will be forwarded to:

- Mary Ann Rankin**, Senior Vice President and Provost
- Reka Montfort**, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
- Michael Potala**, Vice President and General Counsel
- Cynthia Hale**, Associate Vice President for Finance and Personnel
- John Bertot**, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Elizabeth Beise**, Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs
- Rhonda Smith**, Acting Director, Division of Academic Affairs
- Bonnie Thornton Dill**, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Alexis Lothian**, Associate Professor, Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Gwen Warman**, Academic Coordinator and Undergraduate Advisor, Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Valérie K. Orlando**, Chair, Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee



## Rename the Upper-Division Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies to LGBTQ Studies (PCC 20005)

**PRESENTED BY** Valerie Orlando, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

**REVIEW DATES** SEC – November 18, 2020 | SENATE – December 8, 2020

**VOTING METHOD** In a single vote

**RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT** N/A

**NECESSARY APPROVALS** Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

### ISSUE

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The Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, within the College of Arts and Humanities, proposes to rename its Upper Division Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies to LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Studies. The new name more accurately reflects the content of the program, which includes Queer Studies, a field initiated in the 1990s and established through the 2000s and 2010s. Queer Studies holds that gender and sexuality are fluid, fragmented, and dynamic processes that can only be understood in the relation to raced and gendered power structures that vary according to historical and geographical location. The reflection of Queer Studies in the program name recognizes the breadth of perspectives on identity, representation, politics, and interlocking systems of oppression that comprise the growing, dynamic, and expansive field of the study of genders and sexualities today.

No other changes to the program are proposed at this time.

This proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on November 6, 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

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The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this name change.

### COMMITTEE WORK

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The committee considered this proposal at its meeting on November 6, 2020. Alexis Lothian and Gwen Warman, from the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Ralph Bauer, from the College of Arts and Humanities, presented the proposal and answered questions from the committee. The proposal was approved by the committee.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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The Senate could decline to approve this program name change.

## **RISKS**

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If the Senate declines to approve this new name, the university will lose an opportunity to reflect more accurately the evolving content of this upper-division certificate program.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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There are no significant financial implications with changing the name of a certificate program. No other aspects of the program are changing.

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## In Workflow

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## Approval Path

1. Fri, 27 Mar 2020 21:02:39 GMT  
Gwen Warman (gwarman): Approved for D-WMST Curriculum Manager
2. Mon, 30 Mar 2020 16:27:24 GMT  
Ruth Zambrana (rzambran): Approved for D-WMST PCC Chair
3. Mon, 30 Mar 2020 19:18:45 GMT  
Ruth Zambrana (rzambran): Approved for D-WMST Chair
4. Thu, 07 May 2020 21:11:35 GMT  
Betsy Yuen (myuen): Approved for ARHU Curriculum Manager
5. Mon, 11 May 2020 18:07:49 GMT  
Alejandro Canequé (acaneque): Approved for ARHU PCC Chair
6. Mon, 11 May 2020 18:39:33 GMT  
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU Dean
7. Mon, 02 Nov 2020 14:36:46 GMT  
Michael Colson (mcolson): Approved for Academic Affairs Curriculum Manager
8. Fri, 06 Nov 2020 15:25:05 GMT  
Valerie Orlando (vorlando): Approved for Senate PCC Chair

## History

1. Aug 29, 2019 by Linda Yokoi (lyokoi)
2. Aug 29, 2019 by Linda Yokoi (lyokoi)
3. Oct 17, 2019 by William Bryan (wbryan)
4. Mar 25, 2020 by William Bryan (wbryan)

Date Submitted: Fri, 27 Mar 2020 19:27:09 GMT

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Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

### Proposed Action

Rename Program

### Program Name

LGBTQ Studies Certificate

### Program Status

Active

**Effective Term**

Fall 2020

**Catalog Year**

2020-2021

**Program Level**

Undergraduate Program

**Program Type**

Undergraduate Certificate

**Delivery Method**

On Campus

**Departments**

**Department**

Women's Studies

**Colleges**

**College**

Arts and Humanities

**Program/Major Code**

9Z009

**MHEC Inventory Program**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies

**CIP Code**

050208 - Gay/Lesbian Studies.

**HEGIS**

499960

**Degree(s) Awarded**

**Degree Awarded**

Certificate, Upper Division

**Proposal Contact**

Gwen Warman and Ruth Enid Zambrana

**Proposal Summary**

This proposal is to add the word Queer to the name of the certificate program, to become LGBTQ Studies, as explained in the rationale below.  
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**Program and Catalog Information**

**Provide the catalog description of the proposed program. As part of the description, please indicate any areas of concentration or specializations that will be offered.**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Certificate Program provides students an opportunity for interdisciplinary study of the lives, experiences, identities, and representations of LGBT people. Any student in good standing may enroll in the certificate program by declaring their intention to the Women's Studies Department.

**Catalog Program Requirements:**

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Curriculum</b>		
Foundation Course		3
LGBT200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Capstone Course (select one of the following)		3
LGBT386	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Organization Internship	
LGBT488	Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Elective Courses <sup>1</sup>		15
Total Credits		21

<sup>1</sup> **Elective Courses:** Students must take five elective courses, at least three of which must be upper division. Electives must cover at least three of the following six thematic areas. Courses may be designated by the faculty who are teaching them as covering more than one of these areas. Students may also request that courses be counted as covering one or more areas.

1. Arts, Technology and Cultural Production
2. Transnational Politics and Perspectives
3. Institutions, Politics, and/or social Movements
4. Race, Ethnicity, and Class
5. Transgender Studies
6. Queer and/or Feminist Theory

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.

Other Program Requirements:

- No course earned with a grade below "C-" will count toward the certificate in LGBT Studies.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the certificate is required for graduation.
- Students may use a maximum of nine credits (or three courses) to satisfy the requirements of both their major and the certificate in LGBT Studies.
- No more than nine of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park.

List the intended student learning outcomes. In an attachment, provide the plan for assessing these outcomes.

#### Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate familiarity with major concepts and vocabulary in the field of LGBTQ Studies.

Students will understand and be able to critique key developments in LGBTQ thought as strategies of social change and production of knowledge about gender and sexuality in the context of social relations of difference and power.

Students will demonstrate critical reasoning and research skills in the field of LGBTQ Studies.

## Program Modification Information

**Impact on current students. It should be specifically acknowledged that students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. The courses required must remain available, or suitable substitutions specifically designated.**

No impact on students. Prior to the effective date of this name change, students may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish and all courses (or equivalent courses) to complete these requirements will remain available.

## Linked Programs

### Renaming Program

**Provide a rationale for renaming the program.**

Both the name of the revised certificate and the name of the area of concentration within the Women's Studies major to which it corresponds have been changed from LGBT (Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, and Transgender) to LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Studies. Queer studies, a field initiated in the 1990s and established through the 2000s and 2010s, holds that gender and sexuality are fluid, fragmented, and dynamic processes that can only be understood in relation to raced and gendered power structures that vary according to historical and geographical location. Naming it alongside lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies recognizes the breadth of perspectives on identity, representation, politics, and interlocking systems of oppression that comprise the growing, dynamic, and expansive field of the study of genders and sexualities today.

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