



Career Outlook

The career outlook for graduates with specialized knowledge of sexuality has never been better. The call for expertise in sexuality studies is evident in the demand for:

- Faculty and program professionals in sexuality studies, gender studies and queer studies;
- Teachers and researchers with a specialization in sexuality-related topics, in disciplines including sociology, psychology, history, and public health;
- Professionals in settings focused on sexual health, public health policy, and social research;
- Sexuality and sexual health educators in schools, community organizations, and community colleges;
- Professionals with sexuality training to support community-based organizations offering client-focused sexual health services; and
- Professionals with research training in sexuality to work in university-based social research centers.

Scholarships

The Grant A. Larsen Scholarship encourages excellence among Sexuality Studies MA students actively conducting study or research in the area of LGBT studies. Grant Larsen was an architect and city planner in San Francisco who was instrumental in the development of the BART system and held a deep commitment to university students having access to gay and lesbian studies.

The Jim Brogan Teaching Scholarship is awarded to the SXS MA graduate student whom the faculty recognize as that year’s best teaching assistant. Professor James Brogan is a distinguished teacher with an exemplary writing career in sexuality studies. Professor Brogan taught the first course on homosexuality at SF State in the late 1960s.

The Pepper Schwartz Honorary Scholarship is awarded to the Sexuality Studies MA student who presents a compelling essay on educating the public on sexuality. Professor Schwartz is a key figure in sexuality studies with a long history of bringing academic sociological insights to public conversation and a commitment to educating the public regarding sexuality.

The Deborah Tolman Honorary Scholarship is awarded to a Sexuality Studies MA student who presents a compelling essay on how feminism has contributed to their research and thinking about sexuality. Professor Tolman is feminist developmental psychologist who focuses on adolescent sexuality, gender development, and gender equity. Professor Tolman was the founding director of the Center for Research and Education on Gender and Sexuality.



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Department of Sociology and
Sexuality Studies

Master of Arts

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Sexuality Studies MA at San Francisco State University

The Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Sexuality Studies at San Francisco State University (SF State) provides students with knowledge about processes and variations in sexual cultures, sexual identity and gender role formation, and the social, cultural, historical, and ethical foundations of sexuality, intimate relationships, and sexual health. Our multi-disciplinary program prepares students to enter advanced graduate research programs and to contribute to community development, policy, and services in California and elsewhere. Across all of our research and education efforts, we focus on issues of social justice and sexual rights for all. Our faculty members conduct research and teach courses in a range of disciplines including communication studies, ethnic studies, gender and women's studies, gerontology, history, political science, psychology, public health, queer studies, and sociology. We are a department in the College of Health and Social Sciences, whose mission is to promote a greater understanding of the physical, psychological, social, political, and environmental conditions that shape the life experiences and opportunities of people, families, and communities. Our faculty members are affiliated with the SF State Center for Research and Education on Gender and Sexuality and the SF State Health Equity Institute.

Program Mission:

- Educate the next generation of leaders in research and dissemination of knowledge
- Excel in teaching graduate and undergraduate students
- Advance quality research on sexuality, gender, and social justice
- Integrate analyses of race, racism, heterosexism, homophobia, able-ism, poverty, and culture into all aspects of our department
- Advocate for social policy on sexuality, sexual health, sexuality education, and human rights, shaped by social justice and diversity and, through these efforts, shape sexuality studies in the 21st century

Requirements for the Master's Degree in Sexuality Studies

Degree Program

- Required Courses (15 Units)**
- 800 Sociocultural Foundations of Sexuality
 - 801 Biological and Psychological Foundations of Sexuality
 - 881 Research Methods in Sexuality Studies
 - 890 Professional Development
 - *Additional advanced methods seminar*
- Electives (12 units)**
- Seminar**
- 701 Sexual Identities, Sexual Culture
 - 702 Sexuality in Historical Perspective
 - 703 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Sexuality and Health
 - 704 Sexuality and Language
 - 705 Sexual Violence
 - 750 Queer Theory and Transgender Studies
 - 750 Sexuality and Religion
 - 770 Sexuality and Public Policy
 - 805 Sexuality Education and Policy
 - 810 Seminar in Sexual Identity and Communication
 - 882 Research Design in Sexuality Studies
 - 883 Applied Quantitative Methods in Sexuality Studies

- Internship Opportunities**
- 723 Teaching Internship
 - 724 Research Internship
 - 794 Community Service Learning

- Culminating Experience (3 units)**
- 894 Creative Work Project
 - 895 Research Project
 - 898 Thesis Writing

Minimum Total Units for Graduation: 30

Admissions

- Statement of purpose: letter of application detailing professional and academic interests and relevant experience (no more than 2 pages)
- 2 letters of recommendation from people familiar with your academic achievements and promise
- Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate institutions
- Evidence of undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- GRE "analytical writing" score of 4.0 or higher
- TOEFL: foreign students from non-English speaking countries must submit a TOEFL score of at least 550 to the Graduate Admissions Office
- Completed application form

Applicants must also meet all University admission requirements to be accepted to the MA program.

Applications to the University are available through Graduate Admissions.

For more information about the Sexuality Studies Master of Arts Program, contact
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Core Faculty

- Darius Bost** PhD in American Studies, University of Maryland at College Park. African American and African Diaspora literary and cultural studies, gender and sexuality studies, queer studies, and trauma studies.
- Christopher Carrington** PhD in Sociology, University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Gay and lesbian family life, gay male relationships, polyamory and polygamy, families and society, sociobiology, evolution and sexuality.
- Andreana Clay** PhD in Sociology, University of California, Davis. Youth culture and identity, queer of color theory and critique, popular culture, race/class/gender/sexuality, social movements and activism.
- Jessica Fields** PhD in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sexuality and education, race and gender, queer theory, feminist methods and methodology.
- Gilbert Herdt** PhD in Anthropology, Australian National University. Cross-cultural sexuality and gender, Pacific societies, sexual identity development, sexuality policy in the US and globally.
- Colleen Hoff** PhD in Clinical Psychology, California School of Professional Psychology. Sexual health disparities in communities of color, HIV/AIDS prevention among MSM and male couples, relationship factors associated with sex, sexual negotiations, sex therapy, scale development, mixed methodological approaches to research.
- Allen LeBlanc** PhD in Sociology, Pennsylvania State University. Sociology of mental health; social stress, psychosocial resources, and health among sexual minority persons.
- Alexis Martinez** PhD in Sociology, University of California, San Francisco. HIV prevention and policy, social geographies and health, drug use, quantitative methodologies and analysis.
- Edward J. McCaughan** PhD in Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz; M.A. Latin American Studies, Stanford Univer-ity. Sociology of Latin America, social movements, revolution and art, gender and sexuality.
- Rita Melendez** PhD in Sociology, Yale University. HIV prevention and treatment among Latino MSM, women and transgender individuals, qualitative and quatitative methodologies.
- Clare Sears** PhD in Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz. Critical criminology, queer theory, transgender studies, critical legal studies, California history.
- Amy Sueyoshi** PhD in History, University of California, Los Angeles. Twentieth-century U.S. history, Asian American studies, comparative ethnic studies, queer studies, gender studies, romantic friendship and representation.

Approximately thirty additional SF State faculty members from a range of academic disciplines serve on our graduate faculty. Upon arrangement, MA candidates can take courses with these faculty members. Students can also work with these faculty members on their thesis research. See our website for further information about the graduate faculty.