Interdisciplinary Studies

Center for Africana Studies

The mission of the Africana Studies program is to serve as a centralized instructional, service, and research program for students, faculty, and the community to explore the history, culture, and ideas of peoples of African descent. The program broadens students’ understanding of the global community through transcultural opportunities and foster students’ talents for leadership, scholarship, and personal development. The program allows students to explore the vast and complex cultures of the African Diaspora by visiting civilizations of the past and examining the contributions of African people in world affairs. The program also allows students to capitalize on the unparalleled opportunities that exist in the southern region of Georgia to study African and African-American connections, as observed in the Gullah/Geechee cultures and the African influences on the culture of the southern United States.

Center for Irish Research and Teaching

*An tónad um Thaighde agus Theagasc Éireannachach*

The Center for Irish Research and Teaching (CIRT) increases international literacy among our diverse student body through rigorous, relevant study of Ireland and the worldwide Irish diaspora. CIRT places special emphasis on undergraduate research into Irish and Scots-Irish legacies in Georgia and the American South.

Through full-credit courses offered on the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses — and also on study-in-Ireland programs — CIRT provides students with opportunities to explore Irish and Irish-diaspora history and politics; literature and theater; culture and art; society and business; and science and technology. A student can obtain an interdisciplinary Minor in Irish Studies by successfully completing 15 credit hours of approved courses. Irish Studies courses equip students with tools to think, analyze, and problem-solve in ways that cross academic disciplines and national borders. Among other outcomes, the courses enhance participants’ knowledge of universal human phenomena that resonate very particularly with the Irish experience, not least: colonization; emigration; food security; ethno-religious identity; and the tech economy. CIRT instills within students an ethos of civility, collaboration, and integrity; and it also fosters a commitment to lifelong learning.

Students are advised to consult the webpage of the Center for Irish Research and Teaching (georgiasouthern.edu/irish) for information about additional, semester-specific courses that have significant Irish content and, thus, have been pre-approved for the interdisciplinary Minor in Irish Studies. Those courses may be offered either on a Georgia campus or through a study-in-Ireland program.

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The mission of the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Georgia Southern University is to introduce students to the definitions, theories, and methodologies of the study of gender as intersecting with identities of race, class, and sexuality. The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Georgia Southern University offers an interdisciplinary minor available to all undergraduate students, regardless of major.

As an interdisciplinary minor, the Women's and Gender Studies Program promotes collaboration across diverse disciplines and among students, faculty, and the community who work together to understand the ways in which ideologies of gender and sexuality permeate the entire fabric of society.

Through course offerings in the undergraduate minor in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST), the program promotes academic study and dialogue on a broad range of topics related to interdisciplinary studies of women, feminisms, masculinities, sexes, genders, and sexualities, including LGBTQ+ or gender and sexual minorities (GSM).

The Women's and Gender Studies Program supports research, teaching, and outreach activities that analyze gender through the framework of “intersectionality,” which theorizes identity categories as multiple. Identities that are always intersecting influence experiences and complicate marginalization.

Guided by disciplinary standards, the Women's and Gender Studies Program supports the University’s mission by fostering research, teaching, and outreach activities that promote integrity, civility, kindness, and collaboration.

Programs

**Majors**

- Associate of Arts A.A. ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/associate-of-arts))
- Associate of Science A.S. ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/associate-of-science))
- Interdisciplinary Studies B.I.S. ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-bis))
- Interdisciplinary Studies B.I.S. (Online) ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-bis-online))
- Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies B.A. ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/women-gender-and-sexuality-studies-ba))

**Minors**

- Africana Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/africana-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Classical and Medieval Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/classical-medieval-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Comparative Literature Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/comparative-literature-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Digital Humanities Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/digital-humanities-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Environmental Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/environmental-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- European Union Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/european-union-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Film Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/film-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Irish Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/irish-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
- Japanese Studies Interdisciplinary Minor ([link](http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/japanese-studies-interdisciplinary-minor))
• Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/latin-american-studies-interdisciplinary-minor)
• Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Interdisciplinary Minor (http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/undergraduate/arts-humanities/interdisciplinary-studies/womens-gender-sexuality-studies-interdisciplinary-minor)