This program investigates historical, social, cultural, and theoretical representations and constructions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex life in the U.S. and around the globe. Operating from the intersections of race, class, economic status, age, ability, and nationality—among other configurations of identity—this program situates questions of sexual and gender orientation as fundamental to humanistic study, and is not limited to those who claim an LGBTQ or intersex identity.

**Why UMD**

This program's interdisciplinary approach connects fields in the humanities, social sciences, life sciences, and fine arts, and produces knowledge beneficial to all fields.