Critical Theory (Graduate Certificate)

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Prepare yourself for advanced study in a number of areas, including English, linguistics, philosophy, African American studies, women and gender studies, law, history, politics and sustainability. By completing this certificate, you will also become prepared for businesses and industries that require effective explanation and analysis of complex ideas, texts and systems.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Critical Theory (certificate)
The certificate in critical theory provides students with historical and thematic approaches to critical theory and promotes the skills required for the interpretation and production of concepts based in continental philosophy and used broadly in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Students learn about key thinkers and movements in critical theory. Such theory offers tools for creating a critical engagement with society and culture, for interpreting social and cultural objects and texts and for the production of new theoretical ideas.

This transdisciplinary certificate program provides opportunities to study theoretical approaches as applied across a wide range of arts, humanities and social science disciplines.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus, West campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours and a Portfolio

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**

ENG 502 Contemporary Critical Theories (3)

**Electives (12 credit hours)**
Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. Specific details about English proficiency requirements are available on the Department of English website.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The graduate certificate in critical theory is available to all ASU graduate students irrespective of their major and to nondegree graduate students and working professionals provided they meet eligibility criteria. Sample majors include English; women and gender studies; art history; and, arts, media and engineering.

Eligible applicants must have taken two courses in critical theory or related field at the upper-division undergraduate level (such as ENG 401 Topics in Critical Theory) or at the graduate level (such as ENG 502 Contemporary Critical Theories).
After submitting the online application, applicants must email unofficial transcripts, a brief statement of purpose explaining the student's areas of interest in critical theory, and a resume to the graduate program manager in the Department of English, with this subject line: Critical Theory Certificate Application.

### Application Deadlines

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- **Admission Deadlines**