The graduate certificate in sexuality studies offers students training and knowledge in sexuality studies, which encompasses sexuality, sexual identities and sexual communities. Students learn transdisciplinary perspectives about how understandings of sexualities have informed social relations, the legal system, the body and health, policies, and institutions of the state.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Sexuality Studies (Certificate)

The graduate certificate in sexuality studies addresses the social construction of sexualities, sexual identities and cultures. This program interrogates heterosexuality and institutionalized heterosexism, and addresses Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two-Spirit identities and expressions as well as non-normative sexual identities that are not captured by LGBTQ-TS categories. This program allows students the flexibility to work with courses in sexuality studies offered across disciplines and units at ASU. Students gain theoretical and analytic tools to examine gender and sexual formations, and how social issues and state institutions impact and are impacted by sexuality as a social norm. In addition, coursework allows students to further investigate sexualities in relation to sexual stratification, reproductive rights and justice, sexual health and justice, carceral genders and sexualities, sex work, the state and legal system, and transnational and diasporic formations.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
Required Core (3 credit hours)
SST 604 Sexuality Studies (3)

Electives (12 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
For elective coursework, students should see the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with the approval of the academic unit.

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, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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. a statement of purpose for pursuing the certificate

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The certificate is only open to current ASU degree-seeking students. However, with academic unit and Graduate College approval, up to nine credit hours of ASU non-degree credit may be transferred into the certificate program for those who eventually gain admission into an ASU graduate degree program. This will be administered by the graduate certificate committee. Students should refer to the Graduate College policy on certificate programs.

Contact Information