Sexuality Studies (Graduate Certificate)

Avail yourself of training and knowledge of sexual communities, and 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 program in sexuality studies addresses the social construction and political economy of sexualities, sexual identities and cultures. This program interrogates heterosexuality and institutionalized heteronormativity and addresses lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and two-spirit identities and expressions as well as nonnormative sexual identities that are not captured by LGBTQ 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 gendered and racialized sexual structural inequities and how social issues, economic inequalities 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. The certificate integrates disciplinary, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The 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 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. a statement of purpose for pursuing the certificate
4. 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.

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 to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

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 nondegree credit may be transferred into the certificate program for those who eventually gain admission into an ASU graduate degree program. This
is administered by the graduate certificate committee. Students should refer to the Graduate College policy on certificate programs.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of the program have gone on to careers at universities, research and policy institutes, government organizations and nonprofit organizations.

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