Study the experiences, history, culture and contemporary issues related to LGBTQ people with an emphasis on analytical skills and community service. This certificate program is excellent preparation for advanced study in graduate and professional programs, employment in many fields, and activism in participatory democracy.

Description

The certificate program in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies offers students a multifaceted understanding of society.

Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people play important roles as colleagues, clients, parents, children, siblings, neighbors, employees, employers, religious leaders and friends. Given the increasing visibility and changing political climate for LGBTQ people in the United States, all students, not only those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, are served well by learning about the histories, communities and contemporary social issues regarding people from LGBTQ backgrounds.

The educational experience is enhanced when students are introduced to complex intersections between and among sexual, racial, ethnic, religious, geographic and national identities. The philosophy of this certificate program in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies is to promote intellectual and pedagogical diversity as one of the university's greatest assets, and this is done, in part, by instilling in students a sensitivity to cultures different from their own and through careful analysis of the self in historical, artistic and sociocultural contexts.

The goals of the certificate program are to give students knowledge about the history, evolution of and current issues facing the LBGTQ community; practical experience utilizing coursework knowledge in the community through an internship or community service project; and theoretical perspectives on heterosexuality as a presumptive sexual identity. Students gain an understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies as an academic area of inquiry; an understanding of community politics, dynamics and conflicts; and engages in a use-inspired education that culminates in a public presentation.

At a Glance
Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2020 - 2021 Certificate Map

The certificate requires 15 credit hours; a minimum of 12 must be upper-division.

Required Course (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

SWU 180: Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Studies (SB & C) (3)
WST 294: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality (3)

Electives -- 9 credit hours

AFR 375: Race, Gender and Sport (SB & C) (3)
AFR 394 / JUS 394 / WST 394: Gender and Hip Hop (3)
APA 210: Introduction to Ethnic Studies in the U.S. (C) (3)
APA 330: Asian Pacific American Genders and Sexualities ((L or SB) & C) (3)
APA 345: Asian Pacific Americans and Film (HU & C & H) (3)
ARS 485: Women in the Visual Arts (L) (3)
ASB 210: Human Sexuality: Anthropological Perspectives (SB & G) (3)

Notes: Only BIS students may use additional lower-division courses

ASB 346: Marriage and Family Diversity (SB & C) (3)
BIS 350: Diversity and Organizations (L & C) (3)

Notes: Student must pick LGBT focus for course project and receive approval from certificate advisor.

COM 316: Gender and Communication (SB & C) (3)
COM 421: Rhetoric of Social Issues (HU) (3)
COM 442: Identity, Performance, and Human Communication (3)
COM 494: Gender in the Media (3)
ENG 345: Transgender and Intersex Literature and Film (3)
ENG 440: Sexuality (HU) (3)
ENG 454: Gender and Literature (L or HU) (3)
FAS 264: Gender and Society (SB & C) (3)
FAS 332: Human Sexuality (SB) (3)
FAS 498: Transgender Youth and Families (3)
HST 364: Sex and Society in Modern Europe ((L or SB) & H) (3)
JUS 371: Sexuality and Social Justice (3)
JUS 427: Identity and Justice (L) (3)
JUS 435: Cinema and Justice (3)
SST 494: Transformational Leadership and Embodied Activism (3)
SWU 291: Social Service Delivery Systems (3)
SWU 374: Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context (C) (3)
SWU 461: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (C) (3)
THE 494: Queer Plays and Films (3)
WST 100: Women, Gender, and Society (SB & C) (3)

Notes: Only BIS students may use additional lower-division courses. Credit is only allowed for WST 100 or 300

WST 300: Women and Gender in Contemporary Society (SB & C) (3)

Notes: Credit is only allowed for WST 100 or 300

WST 313: Women and Sexuality (SB & C) (3)
WST 335: Lost in Space: Gender, Race, and Sexuality in Science Fiction (3)
WST 380: Race, Gender, and Class (SB & C) (3)
WST 460: Women and the Body (SB & C) (3)
WST 470: Gender and Popular Culture (HU & C) (3)
WST 477: Gender and Violence (SB & C) (3)

Capstone -- 3 credit hours

All students will complete a three credit hour capstone experience after completing a minimum of nine credit hours in the certificate program. The capstone experience will be supervised by any member of the faculty approved by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Committee. 

Capstone Course (3)

Notes: Select capstone course with consultation of LGBT advisor.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

Students interested in admission to the certificate program should meet with an academic advisor in the School of Social Transformation as soon as possible in order to complete a certificate declaration form and to select courses that most appropriately meet students' individual needs.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.
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