

WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE launched this new degree in Fall 2021

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LGBTQ Studies Degree & Related Classes

Social Justice: LGBTQ Studies Degree (AA-T) [an Associate Degree for Transfer](#)

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice: LGBTQ Studies for Transfer (AA-T) is intended to meet the lower division requirements for Various Social Science majors (or similar majors) at a CSU campus that offers a Social Justice baccalaureate degree. The degree takes a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer identities and their interactions with culture, art, literature, politics, history, oppression, and other minority statuses in the United States and across cultures. This degree is designed to appeal to students interested in learning about the experiences of marginalized people and those going into majors such as: Sociology, History, Political Science, Women's Studies, Race and Ethnic Studies, and Queer Studies. Students who have completed the Associate in Arts for Transfer will have satisfied the lower division requirements for transfer into Women's, Gender, or Sexuality Studies or similar major for many campuses in the California State University system, and although students are guaranteed admission to a CSU, this guarantee is not to any particular campus or program in the CSU system. Students must meet with a counselor for specific university major preparation at the college of their choice to ensure a seamless transition.

This degree complies with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (California Education Code 66746).

TO EARN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER, STUDENTS MUST:

1. Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - A. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.
 - B. A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
2. Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
3. Achieve a minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students who complete the program will be able to demonstrate the following program learning outcomes (PLOs):

1. Analyze the social and political construction of sexual orientation and gender identity, and how these concepts operate and have operated across social and cultural institutions in the United States and across cultures.
2. Articulate how concepts of sexual orientation and gender identity intersect and interact with those of race, ethnicity, class, and gender and sexual orientation.
3. Analyze and evaluate the history of American social movements that have sought justice for oppressed sexual and gender minorities, as well as racial, ethnic, and class minority groups.
4. Summarize the histories and experiences of LGBTQ+ people in the United States, and critically evaluate their contributions to the fabric of American society.
5. Identify and analyze policies that have the potential to alleviate inequalities based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

REQUIRED CORE: (9 units)

SOC 011	Race and Ethnic Relations	3 units
ANTHRO 130	Introduction to Queer Studies	3 units
<i>OR</i>		
SOC 031	Sociology of Gender	3 units
ANTHRO 109	Gender, Sex, and Culture	3 units

List A: Select three courses from at least two of the following areas (9 units)

Area 1: History or Government (3)	HIST 44	The Mexican-American in the History of the U.S. II	3 Units
Area 2: Arts and Humanities (3)	Chicano 047	The Mexican-American Woman in Society	3 units
Area 3 Social Science (3)	ANTHRO 102	Human Ways of Life: Cultural Anthropology	3 units
Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods	MATH 227	Statistics 4 units	

Total units for the Major18-19
Total units that may be double counted9-12
General Education CSU 39 and IGETC..... 37
Elective Units CSU (11-15), IGETC (13-17)

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS60 (MAXIMUM)

Related Classes

ANTHRO 120 ANTHROPOLOGY OF LGBTQ IDENTITIES Units: 3 CSU

This course will take a classic, comparative anthropological approach to understanding the construction of human sexual and gender identities. It will use classic and contemporary ethnographic literature to familiarize students with historical and cross-cultural variation in non-heterosexual sexual and gender identities. It will consider how sexual and gender identity construction interacts with and is shaped by traditional anthropological considerations such as kinship, marriage, religion, economics, and power.

ANTHRO 130 INTRODUCTION TO QUEER STUDIES Units: 3 CSU

This introductory course examines a broad range of contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues in various contexts including bio-medical, sociological, political, racial and sexual.

ENGLISH 245 QUEER LITERATURE Units: 3 CSU

Prerequisite: English 101 Advisory: English 102

This course acquaints students with the work of queer (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or gender non-conforming) writers, historical and contemporary, who have made important contributions to literature. Queer issues and relationships (both overt and in subtext) are examined in both historical and contemporary contexts. Students read works by Whitman, Baldwin, Walker, Kushner, and Highsmith among others. In addition, students become familiar with queer theory and use the work of writers such as Foucault, Butler, and Rich to analyze texts and write critical essays that analyze recurrent themes in this literature