

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES- GENDER STUDIES: AA-T DEGREE

This program is designed to introduce students to studies of sex, gender, and sexuality from a variety of academic disciplines and prepare them for transfer into university programs in these areas. Intersections between sex, gender, sexuality, social class, and race/ethnicity will be explored. Students will engage with a growing body of work in feminist and queer theory that broadens our understanding of gender, sexuality, society, and culture.

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies-Gender Studies for Transfer is designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU institution for students who plan to transfer and complete a CSU major or baccalaureate degree in Gender /Ethnic/Women Studies. California Community College students who are awarded an Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies-Gender Studies for Transfer are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU institution or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or institutions.

To fulfill the requirements for this degree, students will complete the required and elective courses in the area of emphasis and Cal-GETC pattern requirements totaling no more than 60 semester CSU-transferable units.

Additional NVC graduation requirements do not apply to this degree. Students must successfully pass all courses in the area of emphasis with a minimum of "C" (or "P") and maintain an overall minimum 2.0 GPA. Additionally, students pursuing this degree option must work with a counselor and faculty advisor to ensure appropriate elective course selections for their intended area of emphasis for the baccalaureate degree.

Career Opportunities

A degree in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prepares students for a wide range of careers. It is an interdisciplinary course of study that introduces students to hidden histories, explores complex social structures, confronts injustice and oppression, and hones their critical thinking and analytical skills. Corporations need employees who understand gendered issues in the workplace, and specialists in gender and sexuality are sought out as consultants in many fields. The demand for expertise on gender issues is growing in the professions of law, health care, social work, teaching, counseling, and government service.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the intersections between sex, gender, sexuality, social class, race and ethnicity.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of current issues and socio-political movements related to sex, gender and sexuality.
3. Critically assess and analyze cultural artifacts and social phenomena using feminist and/or queer theory.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core Courses (9 units)		
SOCI-130	Introduction to Queer Studies	3

or ETHS-114	Women's Ethnic Heritage in the United States	
SOCI-140	Sociology of Sex and Gender	3
SOCI-150	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
or ETHS-101	The American Mind 2	

Required Electives: List A

Complete three courses from at least two of the following areas:	9
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Area 1: History or Government

HIST-140	History of Modern Latin America
HIST-142	History of Mexico
HIST-150	History of American Women 1600-1900
HIST-152	History of American Women Since 1900
HIST-165	African American History

Area 2: Arts & Humanities

ARTH-101	Introduction to Visual Culture
ENGL-231	Literature and Sexuality
ETHS-114	Women's Ethnic Heritage in the United States
FILM-110	Culture and Gender in Film
HUMA-151	Global Women's Ethnic Heritage
HUMA/ THEA-174	Culture and Gender in Theater
PHIL-128	Social and Political Philosophy

Area 3: Social Science

ANTH-121	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH-150	Anthropology of Sex, Gender and Sexuality
LGBT-120	Introduction to LGBT Studies in the Family, Education and Community
LGBT-121	LGBT Communities, Family & Education in the 21st Century
PSYC-123	Social Psychology
PSYC-135	Human Sexuality
SOCI-120	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI-122	Social Problems

Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods

SOCI-190	Introduction to Social Research
STAT-C1000	Introduction to Statistics

Total Units	18
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To receive an Associate Degree for Transfer, students must complete 60 CSU transferable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0, and the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) (<https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#calgetcgeneraleducationtext>) beginning fall 2025. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.