

# Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

CSUSB offers a certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies. The aim of the program is to prepare students, through the study of gender and sexuality, with insights, knowledge, and interpretive frameworks that will equip them personally, intellectually, and professionally. The program allows students to examine how gender and sexuality as social constructs shape individual lives, groups, institutions, and social structures. Students will have the opportunity to examine individual development, couples, families, small groups, and organizations as well as the media, arts, and economic and political systems. The program encourages students to examine how gender and sexuality intersect with race, culture, ethnicity, and social class in the interest of social justice. Toward these ends, students customize programs specifically to their interests and professional goals, selecting from a wide variety of courses across the university.

## What can a certificate in gender and sexuality studies do for you?

1. It will give you a competitive edge among employers. Many employers are seeking people with greater sophistication around issues of human diversity. The certificate could be the decisive credential you need to begin or advance a career in the arts, business, management, public administration, criminal justice, health care, law, or the human services such as social work, counseling/therapy, and education..
2. For those planning to continue their education, the certificate provides a solid foundation upon which to build additional study in any discipline or field. It demonstrates to graduate school selection committees that you are prepared with a framework of analysis that can be applied to any field or advanced degree.
3. It will provide an invaluable framework to understand your own life better as well as the institutions and social structures that shape our world.

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Certificates may be earned by regularly matriculated or extended learning students and denote successful completion of a prescribed program of study designed to a) impact specified professional/vocational/career competencies; or b) produce mastery of the content of a sub-field of an academic major (discipline); or (c) provide exposure to the range of materials in a traditional or emerging interdisciplinary field.

Select courses totaling 28 units from among the following (courses may be taken in any order):

ANTH 333	Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (4)	GSS 300	Feminist Research Methods (4)
ANTH 380	Gender and Language (4)	GSS 390	Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (4)
ART 305	Women and Art (4)	GSS 420	Feminist Theory (4)
BIOL 314	Biology of Human Sexuality (4)	GSS 425	Women as Agents of Social Change (4)
CJUS 451	Women and Crime (4)	GSS 450	Queer Theory (4)
CJUS 462	Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System (4)	GSS 575	Internship in Gender and Sexuality Programs and Services (2) for a total of (4)
COMM 364	Topics in Human Communication (when the topic is Gay/Lesbian Relationships) (4)	GSS 595	Independent Study (2-5) for a maximum of 8 units
COMM 401	Gender, Race, and Media (4)	HIST 344	Women in U.S. History: 1620-1865 (4)
COMM 411	Gender and Communication (4)	HIST 345	Women in U.S. History: 1865-Present (4)
COMM 511	Feminist Contributions to Communication Theories (4)	HSCI 310	Health and Human Sexuality (4 units)
COMM 550	Muslim Women in Media and Society (4 units)	HSCI 404	Women's Health Issues (4)
ECON 333	Political Economy of Women: Money, Sex, Race, and Power (4)	May choose only one of the following two courses:	
May choose only one of the following two courses:		GSS 405	Health Issues of Men (4)
ECON357	Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)	HSCI 405	Health Issues of Men (4)
GSS 357	Political Economy of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgendered People (4)	May choose only one of the following three courses	
ENG 319	Studies in Literary Diversity: Gay Literature (4)	HUM 325	Perspectives on Gender (4)
ENG 319	Studies in Literary Diversity: Lesbian Literature (4)	NSCI 325	Perspectives on Gender (4)
ENG 321	Studies in Language and Linguistics: Language and Gender (4)	SSCI 325	Perspectives on Gender (4)
May choose only one of the following two courses:		PHIL 367	Gender and Philosophy (4)
ENG 336	Women Writers (4)	PSYC 301	Psychology of Human Sexuality (4 units)
GSS 336	Women Writers (4)	PSCI 340	Sex and Politics (4)
FLAN 320	Masterpieces of Literature: Hispanic Women Writers (4)	PSYC 331	The Psychology of Women (4)
FREN 336	Francophone Women Writers (4)	PSYC 341	Women and Violence (4)
GSS 100	Introduction to Women's Studies (4)	PSYC 349	The Psychology of Gays and Lesbians (4)
GSS 101	Introduction to Masculinity Studies (4)	SOC 336	Black Women and Feminism (4)
GSS 103	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Studies (4)	SOC 444	Sociology of Gender (4)
		SOC 590	Seminar in Sociology: Women and Religion (4 units)
		TA 466	Issues in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Theatre (4)

*Special Topic Courses: Students may receive credit toward an elective for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor for special topic courses offered in other departments that take gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation as the main focus of the course. Contact the coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program for permission.*