Social Justice Studies: Women, Gender, and LGBTQ Studies AA-T Degree - LGBTQ

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SJS 300 Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3		4
RE	PSYC 330 Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3		2
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
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Semester 2

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SJS 310 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3		
Req	SOC 342 Gender Relations in American Society	3		4
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 5C (Science Lab) course[1]	1		5C
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

[1] The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

This Area of Emphasis degree prepares students for a number of CSU majors related to women, gender, and LGBTQ studies, such as Women's Studies, Gender Studies, or Queer Studies.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

Students with degrees in Gender Studies and related fields find careers as activists, community organizers, political campaigners, lobbyists, and mediators. They also work for human rights groups, religious organizations, and international agencies.

This program is also an excellent starting point for students interested in a career in law, law enforcement, social work, clinical psychology, politics, business, education, public policy, and any social science.

Advising Notes:

- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program in two years. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.

Second Year

Semester 3

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	ENGLT 365 Introduction to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Literature	3		3B
RE	SOC 321 Race, Ethnicity and Inequality in the United States	3		
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
GE	any Area 5A (Physical Sciences) course	3		5A
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 4

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	MUFHL 330 World Music	3		3A
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	2		

Recommended GE courses:

- Area 1B: ENGWR 303 (*Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature*)
- Area 1C: COMM C1000 (*Introduction to Public Speaking*)
- Area 3A: MUFHL 330 (*World Music*)
- Area 5A: GEOG 305/GEOL 320 (*Global Climate Change*)
- Area 5B: PSYC 310 (*Biological Psychology*)
- Area 5C: PSYC 311 (*Biological Psychology Lab*)
- Area 6: ETHNS 300 (*Introduction to Ethnic Studies*)

Recommended elective courses:

- ANTH 336 (*Anthropology of Sex, Sexuality and Gender*)
- HCD 310 (*College Success*)
- ENGLT 360 (*Women in Literature*)
- PSYC C1000/C1000H (*General Principles*)
- PSYC 356 (*Human Sexuality*)

- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.
- This roadmap represents one way to complete this Area of Emphasis degree, with a focus on LGBTQ Studies.
- Students can complete this degree with other focus areas, such as Women's Studies or Gender Studies. See a counselor for advice on which transfer institutions offer programs in particular focus areas.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree

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