

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFER PREPARATION INFORMATION

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES, GENDER STUDIES

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies involves the understanding of the history, sociology and politics of women, gender, and sexuality in society. The program examines gender and sexuality-based oppression throughout history, and also the ways in which women have taken power over their lives. Students will better understand the impact of women, gender and sexuality on various cultures at various times and evaluate changing social patterns and the effects of institutions and cultural assumptions. The program can lead to a variety of careers including a community organizer, political lobbyist and political strategist. This degree may also prepare the student for further study at the baccalaureate level.

The Associate in Arts for Transfer is designed to prepare students for transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Gender Studies or a similar major. Upon completion of this degree, students will have a strong academic foundation in the field and be prepared for upper division baccalaureate study. Students who have completed the Associate in Arts for Transfer will have satisfied the lower division requirements for transfer into Gender Studies or similar major for many campuses in the California State University system. This degree complies with the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (California Education Code 66746).

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

Programs Offered

- Transfer Preparation
- Career Opportunities

Degrees

- Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies Associate Degree for Transfer

Associate Degree Requirements

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) in degree applicable coursework and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

Catalog Rights

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

Transfer Preparation

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has

articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

The **University of California system has a transfer pathway** for any UC campus that offers Sociology. For more information, visit pathwaysguide.universityofcalifornia.edu.

SMC offers the **Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies Associate Degree for Transfer**. Students completing this degree are eligible for priority transfer admission consideration in the majors at the **California State University** campuses listed below. In addition, you will be required to complete no more than 60 semester/90 quarter CSU units of coursework after transfer to complete your baccalaureate degree.

NOTE: If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, please consult a counselor before applying to transfer, as the transfer requirements may be different from those required for the Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies AA-T.

For the most current list of CSU campuses accepting this Transfer degree visit calstate.edu/transfer/ad-search/search.shtml.

Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies, Associate Degree for Transfer

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) is designed to facilitate transfer admission to a CSU in a similar major. If you are considering transfer to a UC, private, or out-of-state school, consult a counselor regarding the transfer requirements of that institution.

Associate Degree for Transfer Requirements:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable courses,
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0,
- Minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major, and
- Completion of IGETC and/or CSU GE-Breadth

Note: while a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission to a CSU, some majors/campuses may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for details.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate through oral and written work:

1. a familiarity with the basic principles from the field of women's, gender and sexuality studies and feminist theories;
2. an understanding of intersectional perspectives — how identities such as race, sexuality, class and ability inform and intersect with gender; and
3. a proficiency in the research, analytical, and communication skills necessary to present an analysis of genderbased challenges in the world today and the proposed solutions to these challenges.

Area of Emphasis: (18 units)**Required Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Core Courses:****Select 2 courses from the following : (9 units)**

SOCIO 33, Sociology of Sex and Gender (3)

WGS 10, Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
(formerly WOM ST 10) (3)

WGS 40, Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (3)

Required Social Justice Studies Core Course:

SOCIO 34, Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Society (3)

Restricted Electives: Select 3 courses from at least 2 of the following areas:

NOTE: Only 1 course from Area 4 may be used.

Area 1: History or Government

HIST 52, The History of Women in American Culture (3)

Area 2: Arts and Humanities

ENGL 59, Lesbian and Gay Literature (3)

FILM 6, Women in Film (3)

Area 3: Social Sciences

ANTHRO 2, Cultural Anthropology (3)

ANTHRO 14, Sex, Gender, and Culture (3)

COM ST 36, Gender and Communication (3)

COM ST 37, Intercultural Communication (3)

ECON 8, Women in the Economy (same as WGS 8) (3)

MEDIA 10, Media, Gender, and Race (3)

PSYCH 6, Marriage, Family, and Human Intimacy (3)

PSYCH 25, Human Sexuality (3)

SOCIO 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)

or

SOCIO 1s, Introduction to Sociology – Service Learning (3)

SOCIO 12, Sociology of the Family (3)

WGS 8, Women in Economy (same as ECON 8) (3)

WGS 20, Gender, Feminisms, and Social Movements: A Global
Approach (formerly WOM ST 20) (3)WGS 30, Women, Gender and Sexuality in Popular Culture (formerly
WOM ST 30) (3)**Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods**

MATH 54, Elementary Statistics (4)

or

PSYCH 7, Research Methods in Psychology (3)

or

SOCIO 4, Sociological Analysis (3)