

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies ,Certificate

Learn from the lived experiences of those around you and make the future brighter for the LGBTQ+ community. Form connections while developing your skills as an engaged scholar to influence change in society.

Description

The certificate program in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies offers students a multifaceted understanding of society.

Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people play important roles as colleagues, clients, parents, children, siblings, neighbors, employees, employers, religious leaders and friends. Given the increasing visibility of and changing political climate for LGBTQ+ people in the United States, all students, not only those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, are served well by learning about contemporary social issues regarding people from LGBTQ+ backgrounds and about their histories and communities.

The educational experience is enhanced when students are introduced to complex intersections between and among sexual, racial, ethnic, religious, geographic and national identities. This program's philosophy is to promote intellectual and pedagogical diversity as one of the university's greatest assets, and this is done in part by instilling in students a sensitivity to cultures different from their own and through careful analysis of the self in historical, artistic and sociocultural contexts.

The goals of the program are to give students knowledge about the history of, evolution of and current issues facing the LGBTQ+ community; practical experience using coursework knowledge in the community through an internship or community service project; and theoretical perspectives on heterosexuality as a presumptive sexual identity. Students gain an understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies as an academic area of inquiry and an understanding of community politics, dynamics and conflicts, and they engage in a use-inspired education that culminates in a public presentation.

At a glance

- **College/school:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

[Certificate Map \(archives\)](#).

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded before the awarding of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge about lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.
- Apply knowledge about LGBT communities through directed research, an internship or community-based project under the supervision of an ASU faculty member.

Career opportunities

Graduates who have combined the certificate in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in law, education, public service, and human welfare and social work. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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