Social and Cultural Analysis (Queer and Sexuality Studies), BA

Take a deep-dive into the historical, political and cultural underpinnings of the fabric that binds communities today. Explore the unique challenges and persistent systemic inequities for LGBTQ communities in an increasingly diverse world.

Program Description

The BA program in social and cultural analysis with a concentration in queer and sexuality studies combines transdisciplinary topics and methods to critically analyze the function of ideologies of sexuality, the history and present conditions of sexual identity formation, structural inequalities and queer resistance to those same inequalities and the diversity of LGBTQ communities.

Drawing from the premise that sex, gender and sexual orientation are both private experiences as well as profoundly political and public issues with important legal, social and cultural implications, the intellectual core of this program draws from theories, methods and pedagogies in queer theory and sexuality studies while engaging complementary fields of social justice, cultural studies, women's studies, gender studies, literature, history, sociology, psychology and transnational studies. Areas of emphasis include sexuality in culture, transnational queer studies, queer social movements and resistance, sexual fluidity, trans studies and critical heterosexualities.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance
Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a double major) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- English, MA
- Social Justice and Human Rights, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASUTM to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Stigmas against sexualities are being broken down and challenged in societies across the globe. Studying abroad in countries such as Israel and England allows students to deepen their understanding of global LGBTQ treatment through firsthand experience. Students can explore the impact of culture, race, religion and law on equality through one of over 250 unique study abroad experiences. More information is available on the Global Education website. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Due to the emphasis on culture and identity, the program cultivates respect for and sensitivity to diverse populations; graduates of the program are prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary for graduate work as well as for careers in areas as varied as:

- civil rights organizations
- colleges and universities
- government agencies
- libraries
- museums
- nongovernmental organizations
- the Peace Corps
- political action groups
- research organizations
- social service agencies

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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