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

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Explore the historical, political and cultural underpinnings of the fabric that binds communities today. Gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and persistent systemic inequities LGBTQ communities face in an increasingly diverse world.

Program Description

The BA degree 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 Valley 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)

2023 - 2024 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 plus master's degree with:

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

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

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

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.
Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should visit the Change of Major form 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 MyPath2ASU® 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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Stigmas against sexualities are being broken down and challenged in societies across the globe, and study abroad allows students to deepen their understanding of LGBTQ treatment through firsthand experience.

Students can explore the impact of culture, race, religion and law on equality all over the world. With more than 300 options available, Global Education programs allow students to tailor their educational experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can explore their varied fields and interests in different settings around the world.

Career Opportunities

Due to the emphasis on culture and identity, the program cultivates respect for and sensitivity to diverse populations, and its graduates 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
- nonprofit organizations
- Peace Corps
• political action groups
• research organizations
• social service agencies

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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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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