Social Transformation (Graduate Certificate)

Learn to think critically about social, cultural and political dimensions of social transformation. Explore historical and current dynamics from diverse theories, conduct interdisciplinary research and equip yourself with the knowledge and skills necessary for positioning yourself as an effective contributor toward social change.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Social Transformation Certificate
The graduate certificate program in social transformation is designed for graduate and postbaccalaureate students interested in how change is catalyzed by social movements, protest, law, social entrepreneurship, activism and community organizing. Through the exploration of theories and research related to social change, students are able to augment their disciplinary degrees and are prepared to contribute as leaders and change-makers in their communities.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix campus](#), [Polytechnic campus](#), [Tempe campus](#), [West campus](#)

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
SST 501 Foundations of Social Transformation (3)
Electives (12 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
The electives taken are selected with the faculty advisor. The faculty advisor helps to directionalize the electives to ensure they have a common theme. This helps to ensure students' experiences in the courses align with the learning goals outlined for the certificate.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Students must submit a statement of purpose to the School of Social Transformation that is no longer than 250 words. The statement should indicate any demonstrated interest in the study of social transformation (e.g., previous coursework, professional experience, internships, career plans).

Applicants must meet the above criteria as judged by the School of Social Transformation graduate committee to have strong academic credentials, undergraduate or graduate GPA, as well as demonstrated interest in the area of social transformation. The committee reviews applications for the certificate program in the fall and spring semesters of each year and makes its admission recommendations to Graduate Admission Services.
Application Deadlines

Fall

Spring

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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 of social theory, concepts and research methods to understand social change issues and analyze solutions to social problems.
- Apply the foundations and principles of social change theory and research to specific domestic or international issues through advanced research.

Career Opportunities

Certificate graduates may go on to law school, graduate school or other professional degree programs. Potential career options include working as community organizers, youth and community advocates, community-based researchers and social justice consultants.

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