

Power and Society, Certificate

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Are you intrigued by how particular groups and individuals wield power over others? This program helps you understand how control and influence can shift across societies.

Description

The certificate program in power and society prepares students to think critically and practically about the relationship between power and society.

Courses in the program use multiple perspectives to explore the sources, exercise and consequences of power across a variety of social and historical settings. A special focus on gender is available across the spectrum of courses listed.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in power and society consists of 15 credit hours of coursework, of which a minimum of 12 hours must be upper division. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be completed through courses offered by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. A maximum of six credit hours may be shared between the certificate and a major. All courses used to satisfy requirements for the certificate must be passed with a "C" (2.00) or better.

Electives are not limited to the certificate elective list; see academic advisor prior to enrollment. Students are encouraged to take courses that develop breadth rather than limiting their selection to courses in one particular discipline. A maximum of three credit hours of individualized instruction or internship may be applied toward the certificate.

Required Core Course -- 3 credit hours

[POS 437 / SOC 437: Women, Power, and Politics \(G\)](#) (3)

Electives (minimum 9 upper-division credit hours) -- 12 credit hours

Students will select 12 credit hours from relevant courses on power and society. Selected courses must come from at least two of the following subject areas to develop breadth across disciplines: ASB, JHR, POS, SBS or SOC.

[ASB 211: Women in Other Cultures \(\(HU or SB\) & G\)](#) (3)

[ASB 339 / POS 339 / SBS 339 / SOC 339: Grassroots Social Movements \(SB\)](#) (3)

[ASB 394 / JHR 394 / POS 394 / SBS 394 / SOC 394: Special Topics](#) (1)

[ASB 447 / POS 447 / SBS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism and Identity \(CIVI OR SB & C & G\)](#) (3)

[ASB 484 / JHR 484 / POS 484: Internship or SBS 484: Internship or SOC 484: Internship](#) (3)

[ASB 494 / JHR 494 / POS 494 / SBS 494 / SOC 494: Special Topics](#) (3)

[ASB 499 / JHR 499 / POS 499 / SBS 499 / SOC 499: Individualized Instruction](#) (3)

[JHR 100: Introduction to Social Justice and Human Rights \(CIVI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[JHR 305: Theory and Practice of Social Justice and Human Rights \(CIVI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 150: Comparative Government \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 160: Global Politics \(GCSI OR SB & G\) or POS 360: World Politics \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 350: Comparative Politics \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 357: South Asia Politics \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[POS 361: American Foreign Policy](#) (3)

[POS 470: Law and the Political Order \(SB\)](#) (3)

[POS 480 / SBS 480: Global Justice \(GCSI OR G\)](#) (3)

[POS 486: International Political Economy \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[SOC 264: Sociology of Gender \(CIVI OR SB & C\)](#) (3)

[SOC 371: Inequality and Sustainability](#) (3)

[SOC 426: Social Inequalities \(CIVI OR SB\)](#) (3)

[SOS 111: Sustainable Cities \(SUST OR \(HU or SB\) & G\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

This certificate is open to students in any major. Students should contact an advisor in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences for more information.

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

Career opportunities

The certificate program is recommended for students with academic or career interests in politics, government, economics, organizing and advocacy, public affairs and public policy, journalism, social work, human rights, social justice, education and sustainability. Career paths include social work, public administration, public policy and criminal justice.

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