

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES: ETHNIC STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER

An Associate of Arts in Social Justice Studies for Transfer is a unique degree that aligns with various topic-specific degrees that are offered at many four-year institutions, providing interdisciplinary education and preparing students for a seamless transfer into Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Social Justice Studies, and related majors in the California State University system, where they can customize their upper-division courses to earn a baccalaureate degree.

Social Justice Studies is interdisciplinary and interrogates the multiple meanings of diversity. It engages students in a critical evaluation of historical, cultural, and social movements, and lived experiences and socio-economic issues of diverse communities. The goal of social justice studies is to prepare students to be critical thinkers and engaged members of society who can solve social concerns in their communities as well as successfully work and live in a variety of environments.

A degree in Social Justice Studies can be used in social work, education, law, community or social services, cultural arts, legislative advocacy, politics, human rights development, and in local, state, federal, and international governmental agencies. Students must complete the Associate Degree for Transfer requirements to earn the AA-T degree.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Explain and analyze theories of Social Justice, the history of social activism, and social movements.
- Engage in critical reflection about social justice rooted in community-based experiences that develop cultural competency in local and global contexts.
- Define and use key concepts, terminology, and theoretical frameworks central to the interdisciplinary fields of Ethnic Studies or Gender and Women’s Studies.
- Articulate symbolic and aesthetic expressions based on ethnicity or gender.

Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree Major Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Core		
Select three courses from the following:		9
ETNC 10	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	
ETNC/SOCI 13	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
GWOS 1	Introduction to Gender and Women’s Studies	
SOCI 12	Introduction to Gender and Sexuality	
List A		
Select three courses from at least two of the following areas:		9-10
<i>Area 1: History or Government</i>		
ETNC 16	American Government and African American Politics	
ETNC 18	Chicanos in American Politics	

ETNC/HIST 23	Chicano History 1848 to Present
ETNC/HIST 24	African Americans in U.S. History to 1877
ETNC/HIST 25	African Americans in U.S. History 1865 to Present
<i>Area 2: Arts and Humanities</i>	
ETNC 4	Mexican-American and Chicano Art
ETNC 5	African-American Arts and Music
ETNC 6	Ethnic Images in Film
<i>Area 3: Social Science</i>	
ETNC/SOCI 14	Sociology of Latinos and Latinas
ETNC/ANTH 20	Native American and Indigenous Peoples of the United States
ETNC/SOCI 22	Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in American Society
<i>Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods (Only one course may be used to satisfy List A.)</i>	
MATH 16	Elementary Statistics
or PSYC/ SOCI 19	Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences
<i>Area 5: Major Preparation</i>	
ANTH 4	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
GWOS/ANTH 30	Gender in Global Perspective
SOCI 1	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 2	Contemporary Social Problems
TOTAL MAJOR UNITS	18-19
Additional Requirements	41-42
Complete CSU General Education or IGETC pattern and electives, if needed, for a total of 60 transferable units.	
Total Units	60

Please refer to the graduation requirements section of the Catalog for information about degree and certificate requirements including Reading and Writing, Mathematics, Information Competency, and General Education requirements.