

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES

A.A.-T DEGREE

Description

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies for Transfer at Solano Community College prepares students to provide social leadership in creating greater equity and inclusion in the local community and in larger societal contexts. With a focus on Ethnic Studies, and Gender and Sexuality Studies, Social Justice Studies majors are given opportunities to critically examine the experiences of various communities in relation to issues of power and social inequality. The program's interdisciplinary coursework allows students exposure to a variety of theoretical frameworks including Psychology, English, Sociology, History, Art, Political Science, Communications and more, as well as the fundamentals of methodology needed for social inquiry. Critical thinking and problem solving are emphasized throughout the program, especially in the analysis of historical and current examples of social engagement and change. Social Justice Studies provides a strong academic preparation for upper division coursework, a range of career paths, and meaningful social awareness and public engagement over students' lifetimes. The Associate in Art in Social Justice Studies for Transfer Degree is intended for seamless transfer to local California State University campuses (CSUs). Students who successfully complete degree requirements will be ensured preferential transfer status to local CSU campuses in degree programs identified as "similar to" Social Justice Studies by those CSU campuses. While coursework in Social Justice Studies is designed to provide lower division preparatory requirements for many related degree programs, students should meet with a counselor to determine specific course requirements for local CSUs/programs and to properly identify which CSUs are considered local.

Career Opportunities

Social Justice Studies provides academic preparation and social awareness beneficial to a wide array of career paths, including: Education (K-12, colleges/universities); Law; Community and Human Services/Non-Profits; public sector work at all levels; Counseling (clinical, career, academic); Journalism; Community and Housing Development; Radio, Television and other Media; Public Health and Allied Medical Fields; Environmental Justice work; Community and Union Organizing; Social Work, and much more.

Program Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the unique experiences and social, artistic, and intellectual contributions of key social groups studied.
2. Identify and analyze historical and modern-day factors that contribute to social inequities in the United States and globally, especially those related to race, gender, and sexuality.
3. Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to complex social issues related to equality, inclusion, and social justice.

Degree Requirements:

Required Courses

		Credit Hours: (18 - 19 Required)
SJS001	Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3
SJS002	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
PSYC012	Psychology of Gender	3
Select 3 courses from at least 2 of the following 4 areas		9 - 10

Area 1 - History or Government

		Credit Hours: (0 Required)
HIST028	African American History to 1877	3
HIST029	African American History Since 1865	3
HIST031	Mexican American/Chicano History	3

HIST037	Women in American History	3
PLSC005	Constitutional Rights in a Multicultural Society	3

Area 2: Arts and Humanities**Credit Hours:** (0 Required)

ART012	Inside/Outside: The Cultures and Identities of Diverse Visual Artists in the U.S.	3
CINA011	American Cultures in Film	3
ENGL036	Multi-Ethnic Literature in America	3
MUSC013	Multicultural Music in America	3

Area 3: Social Science**Credit Hours:** (0 Required)

ANTH002	Cultural Anthropology	3
CDFS053	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
COMM012	Intercultural Communication	3
PSYC007	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
PSYC034	Human Sexual Behavior	3

Area 4: Quantitative Reasoning and Research Methods**Credit Hours:** (0 Required)

MATH011	Elementary Statistics	4
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Total: 18.00 - 19.00
