

CULTURAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Program Description

The cultural studies certificate program challenges students to investigate culture and individual experiences, social relations and power structures, and discover approaches to the challenges of today's world.

Students with cultural studies training prepare for graduate study and for work in business, government agencies, law enforcement, nonprofit organizations, and any other organization seeking to better serve its community members.

Upon completion of this certificate students will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the core concepts of Black Studies, Mexican-American Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the social and cultural concepts of "race," "ethnicity," and "gender" and analyze the factors that have contributed to shaping aping of these social constructs.
- Demonstrate the importance of a cultural studies concepts to contemporary or historical issues and settings.

Program Requirements

The Cultural Studies Certificate Program requires 16 hours of coursework:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
MXAS 1305	Introduction to Mexican American Studies	3
BLKS 2300	Introduction to Black Studies	3
WGST 3301	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3
	Two more courses from approved list of courses in BLKS, LMAS, MXAS, and WGST minors. Consult with advisor for advisor approved courses.	6
UNIV 3490	Topics in University Studies (Archival Research Project)	1
Total Hours		16

Course Sequencing:

Students completing the program in one year:

First Year		
Fall		Hours
MXAS 1305	Introduction to Mexican American Studies	3
BLKS 2300	Introduction to Black Studies	3
	One approved elective from BLKS, MXAS, or WGST	3
	Hours	9
Spring		
WGST 3301	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3
	One approved elective from BLKS, MXAS, or WGST	3
UNIV 3490	Topics in University Studies	1
	Hours	7
	Total Hours	16

Students completing the program in two years:

First Year		
Fall		Hours
MXAS 1305	Introduction to Mexican American Studies	3
BLKS 2300	Introduction to Black Studies	3
	Hours	6
Spring		
WGST 3301	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3
	Hours	3
Second Year		
Fall		Hours
	One approved elective from BLKS, MXAS, or WGST	3
	Hours	3
Spring		
	One approved elective from BLKS, MXAS, or WGST	3
UNIV 3490	Topics in University Studies	1
	Hours	4
	Total Hours	16