
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

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General Information

San Diego State University is one of the few institutions in the United States to offer an undergraduate major, minor, and advanced certificate in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) studies.

LGBT studies is an interdisciplinary program, not affiliated with any one department. Courses offered include LGBT literature, history of sexuality, media and sexuality, psychology of human sexual behavior, sexuality in modern society, valuing human diversity, and lesbian lives and cultures.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Advanced Certificate (SIMS Code: 119507)

The advanced certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Studies is open to matriculated students to advance their knowledge in sexual and gender identity, and increase understanding of the diverse cultural, historical, ethnic/racial, and contemporary experiences of people across sexualities. The focus is on the changing nature of same-sex desire, sexual behavior, and same-sex relationships from antiquity to the present. Courses focus on emerging LGBT subcultures and identities from a global perspective. Throughout the program of study, we will carefully consider the full range of genders, sexualities, races, ethnicities, classes, physical abilities, religions, and political persuasions that characterize current LGBT movements and communities.

Courses are designed to provide students with a comprehensive, integrated, and scholarly education. The certificate also exposes students to community service and activism via a large selection of internships.

A certificate in LGBT Studies prepares students for a large variety of careers. Students can work in LGBT non-profit agencies, law, local and national politics, health care settings, counseling centers, journalism, news media, theatre, film, fine arts, and education.

The advanced certificate requires 12 units to include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies 598; nine units from English 550, 625*, 725*; History 583*, 640*; Religious Studies 581*; Women's Studies 535, 540, 545, 606, 608, 610. A minimum of six units required at the 600- or 700-level. Additional courses are acceptable with approval of the adviser. Courses in the certificate program may be applied to a master's degree (if applicable) with approval of the adviser. For further information, contact the graduate adviser at 619-594-6662 or visit <http://lgbt.sdsu.edu>.

* With approval of adviser.

Course (LGBT)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs* sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

LGBT 596. Selected Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (1-3)

Prerequisite: Upper division or graduate standing.

Selected topics in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master's degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

LGBT 598. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Internship (3) Cr/NC

Prerequisite: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies major or minor.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies theories and scholarship to community service and activism. Internship includes 120 hours of work in local public and private agencies serving LGBT populations and working towards LGBT equality. Maximum credit six units.
