

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDIES: GENERAL, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

Program Goals and Objectives

Must address a valid transfer, workforce preparation, basic skills, civic education, or lifelong learning purpose.

The goals of the proposed program are to align with the Social Justice Studies Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) and prepare students for transfer to a California State University (CSU) as a Social Justice Studies major or one deemed similar by the CSU.

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies for Transfer (AA-T in Social Justice Studies) aligns with the CSU Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice Studies and is designed to provide students with the common core of lower-division courses required to transfer and pursue a baccalaureate degree in Social Justice Studies.

The proposal must demonstrate a need for a program that meets the stated goals and objectives in the region the college proposes to serve with the program.

Comply with SB 1440 by providing a pathway for students transferring to a CSU in a major deemed similar.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

identify and apply interdisciplinary perspectives and theories relevant to social justice studies.

demonstrate an awareness of issues relevant to social justice studies including race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality and identity.

Catalog Description

Includes program requirements, prerequisite skills or enrollment limitations, student learning outcomes, and information relevant to program goal.

The Social Justice Studies major is an "area of emphasis" (AOE) focused on developing critical and interdisciplinary approaches to the study of race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality and identity. It has specifically been designed to prepare students at the community college level for transfer into a variety of CSU majors including but not limited to: African American Studies; Africana Studies; American Indian Studies; American Studies; Arabic Language, Literature and Culture; Asian American Studies; Chicano/Chicana Studies; Ethnic Studies; Gender Studies; Labor and Employment Studies; Labor Studies; Latin American Studies; Liberal Studies w/ Option in Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture & Society; Liberal Studies - Border Studies Option; Mexican-American Studies; Modern Jewish Studies; Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding; Sociology - Concentration in Critical Race Studies; Sociology – Concentration Race, Class, and Gender; Sociology with Inequalities and Diversity Option; Social Science with Emphasis in Islamic and Arabic Studies; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Women's Studies.

The AA-T in Social Justice Studies is intended for students who plan to transfer and complete a Bachelor's degree in Social Justice Studies, or a major deemed similar by a CSU campus. Each CSU campus determines which of the degrees it offers are "similar" and can be completed with the preparation included in the AA-T in Social Justice Studies within 60 units once a student transfers, so which majors are "similar" varies from CSU to CSU. For a current list of what majors (and what options or areas of emphasis within that major) have been designated as "similar" to this degree at each CSU campus, please refer to the CSU's Associate Degree for Transfer Major and Campus Search (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/associate-degree-for-transfer-major-and-campus-search.aspx>) website and seek guidance from a Moorpark College counselor. Students completing this degree are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

Includes course requirements and sequencing that reflect program goals.

To earn an AA-T in Social Justice Studies, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
 - a. The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) requirements.
 - b. The required coursework for the AA-T in Social Justice Studies as listed in the Moorpark College catalog.
2. Complete all courses in the major and the Cal-GETC with a grade of "C" or better or "Pass/Credit" if the course is taken on a "pass-no-pass" basis. Even though a "Pass/Credit" grade is allowed, it is highly recommended that students complete their major courses with a letter grade (A, B, or C). **Note:** the UC system allows a maximum of 14 semester (21 quarter) units of courses graded "Pass/Credit" toward the 60 transferable semester units required for transfer admission.
3. Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for admission, some transfer institutions and majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
4. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units within the Ventura County Community College District.

Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T in Social Justice Studies will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated "high-unit" major at a particular campus). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular CSU campus or to a university or college that is not part of the CSU system. Students should consult with a counselor when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
REQUIRED CORE: Complete the following		
SJS M110 or SOC M150	Introduction to Social Justice Studies Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
SJS M120 or SJS M130 or SOC M140	Introduction to Women's Studies Introduction to LGBTQ Studies Introduction to Gender	3
ANTH M06 or ETHS M01 or ETHS M10 or HIST M131 or HIST M133 or HIST M135 or HIST M141 or HIST M145	Introduction to Native American Studies Introduction to Chicana/o Studies Introduction to African American Studies African American History to 1877 History of Mexican Americans Native American History and Culture African American History Since 1877 Race and Ethnicity in American History	3
LIST A: Select three courses from at least two of the following Areas		
Area 1: History or Government courses that must satisfy Cal-GETC Area 4		
HIST M131	African American History to 1877	3
HIST M133	History of Mexican Americans	3
HIST M135	Native American History and Culture	3
HIST M137 or HIST M137H	History of American Women Honors: History of American Women	3
HIST M141	African American History Since 1877	3
HIST M145	Race and Ethnicity in American History	3
POLS M04	International Relations	3
Area 2: Arts and Humanities courses that must satisfy Cal-GETC Area 3A or 3B		
FTMA M108	Women in Cinema	3
PHIL M11	World Religions: West	3
PHIL M12	World Religions: East	3
Area 3: Social Science courses that must satisfy Cal-GETC Area 4		
ANTH M06	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
ANTH M07	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3
ANTH M09	Sex, Gender, and Culture	3
ANTH M13	The Chumash and Their Neighbors: Indians of California	3
COMM M12	Intercultural Communications	3
COMM M13	Gender Communication	3
ETHS M01	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3
ETHS M04	Chicana/o History II: 1848 to Present	3
ETHS M10	Introduction to African American Studies	3
ETHS M40	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
PSY M14	Cross-Cultural Psychology	3
Area 4: Statistics or Research Methods - one course		
POLS M09	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods	3
PSY M06	Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods	3
PSY M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	4
SOC M120	Introduction to Research Methods	3
SOC M125	Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences	4
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4
STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors	4
Area 5: Lower-Division Preparation		
ANTH M06	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
ETHS M01	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3

ETHS M10	Introduction to African American Studies	3
HIST M131	African American History to 1877	3
HIST M133	History of Mexican Americans	3
HIST M135	Native American History and Culture	3
HIST M141	African American History Since 1877	3
HIST M145	Race and Ethnicity in American History	3

Total Units for Major **18 - 19**

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General Education (Cal-GETC) **34**

Double-Counted Units Elective 0-6

Units 13-20

Total Units for the AA-T Degree **60**

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