LGBT-121 21st Century Issues & Activism  
Mondays 6:30PM to 9:20PM

This course is the second-semester course in a recommended sequence starting with LGBT-120 Introduction To LGBT Studies. This class focuses on 21st century issues and activism related to the LGBT community, family and education. Students will examine current events and how those events impact the LGBT community. The course will explore various non-profit and for-profit advocacy organizations operating at the local and national level including their structures and operations. Students will examine how LGBT people are becoming more visible within communities of color and how LGBT identities intersect with other aspects of identity. This examination includes looking at the evolving acceptance of various LGBT sub-cultures.

The course work will include selected readings from contemporary books and articles selected by the instructor based on what is happening within the LGBT community at the time the course is presented. Other course work will include regular writing assignments, a regular review of LGBT news sites, and oral presentations in class. Field trips may be offered as appropriate.

Students will complete a capstone project that involves working on a team with other students to create and deliver an educational initiative or activism activity related to a current issue within the LGBT community. For this project, students will have an opportunity to choose from a number of contemporary topics based on their interest and passions.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Discuss 21st century issues and events that impact and change LGBT communities, families, and education.
2. Explain the structures, operations, and current purpose of various local and national advocacy organizations related to LGBT communities, families, and education.
3. Explain 21st century LGBT identities and how they intersect with age, ethnicity, nationality, race, religion, and economic status.

This course is ideal for anyone interested in a career working with a local or national LGBT advocacy organization. It will also provide experience and skills for students pursuing a career in health care education, social service, public safety, education, or child and family services.

This course is eligible for transfer to the CSU and UC systems and meets the requirements for social studies. It may be eligible for transfer to City College of San Francisco or San Diego State University for students pursuing a 2 or 4-year degree in LGBT Studies.

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