LGBT-120 Introduction to LGBT Studies

New Time for Fall 2018
Tuesday/Thursdays 11AM-12:15PM

Registration Begins May 1, 2018

This course is ideal for anyone preparing for a career in social services including counselors, criminal justice, or education. It will specifically prepare educators to deliver curriculum required by the Fair and Inclusive Education Act in public schools. The course is equally beneficial for any student who simply wants to become more informed about the LGBT community and the issues it faces. This class is the foundational course required for the Associates Degree in LGBT Education and the LGBT Studies Certificate Program.

This introductory course examines a wide range of issues related to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community and how those issues impact family, education and the community. The course includes an overview of the history of sexual orientation and gender identity, the variations of sexual and gender identity, laws and policies impacting the LGBT community, the LGBT civil rights movement, and a look at some of those members of the LGBT community who have contributed to the evolution of this culture and our society.

Students will participate in class discussions, group projects, oral presentations, and a field trip. Regular writing assignments will provide a vehicle for students to think critically about their own experience and perceptions of the LGBT community and what they learn in class.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the vocabulary people use to identify their sexual orientation and their gender identity.

2. Discuss how sexual orientation and gender identity minorities are impacted by family, education, and communities.

3. Identify the significant historical, social, cultural, and civil rights issues impacting the LGBT community.

This course transfers to the UC and CSU system and meets the NVC graduation requirements for social science and multi-cultural/gender studies. It is also eligible for transfer to the LGBT Studies Programs at City College of San Francisco, Sonoma State University and San Diego State University (LGBT-321).