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

This class focuses on 21st century issues and activism related to the LGBTQ community, family and education. Students will examine current issues and how they impact the LGBTQ 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 LGBTQ people are becoming more visible within communities of color and how LGBTQ identities intersect with other aspects of identity. This examination includes looking at the evolving acceptance of various LGBTQ subcultures. Completion of LGBT-120 is NOT required.

This course uses project-based learning to create experiences to facilitate learning. The class will include selected readings from contemporary books and articles selected by the instructor based on what is happening within the LGBTQ community at the time the course is presented. 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 LGBTQ 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 LGBTQ communities, families, and education.
2. Explain the structures, operations, and current purpose of various local and national advocacy organizations related to LGBTQ communities, families, and education.
3. Explain 21st century LGBTQ identities and how the 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 LGBTQ 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. Its required for the Associates Degree in LGBT Education and LGBT Studies Certificate.

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 LGBTQ Studies.