



C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

Descriptor Details

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General Description

This introductory course examines a broad range of contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues in various contexts including bio-medical, sociological, political, racial and sexual.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

None

Advisories

No information provided

Content

1. Intersecting identities and LGBTQ communities

2. Heterosexism and heteronormative culture
3. Feminist Theory, Gender Theory, and Queer Theory
4. Sexual Orientation Identity and Gender Identity
5. Asexual and intersex issues and experiences
6. LGBTQ Identity Across Cultures in the United States
7. Global LGBTQ Laws, Rights, and Policies
8. Key Figures in LGBTQ History
9. LGBTQ Civil Rights and Human Rights Movement
10. Impact of Hate Crimes on the LGBTQ Community
11. The Influence of Religion
12. LGBTQ Issues in healthcare
13. LGBTQ Protest and Pride
14. LGBTQ Culture in the Media

Lab Activities

N/A

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Analyze the various ways people identify their sexual orientation and/or their gender identity and expression.
2. Explore the intersections of homophobia, transphobia, sexism, heterosexism, racism, classism, ageism, ableism and other intersecting identities within the context of LGBTQ political struggles in the United States.
3. Assess theories about sexual orientation and gender identity and expression within the context of Feminist Theory, Gender Theory, and Queer Theory.
4. Examine the continuous evolution of legal policies and societal views of LGBTQ people on a global level.
5. Examine sexual orientation and gender identity issues within the Native American, African American, Chicano/a and Latino/a, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and recent immigrant communities in the United States.
6. Identify key individuals and describe their roles and contributions to domestic and international LGBTQ struggles for full human rights.

7. Assess the impact of hate crimes on LGBTQ individuals, the LGBTQ community, the community at large, and public policy.
8. Research the history of public health policy in the United States as well as internationally to explore the ways that LGBTQ people have consistently suffered under homophobic and transphobic policies.
9. Examine the evolution of LGBTQ culture in the media and the arts.

Evaluation Methods

May include:

Objective exams

Written assignments

Application exercises

Research Project

Field Journal

Oral Presentations

Reflection and discussion

Small group activities

Out-of-class activities

Service learning

Textbooks

- Bao, Quang. *Take Out: Queer Writing From Asian Pacific America*. 2000.
- DeCecco, John and Kevin Kumashiro. *Restoried Selves: Autobiographies of Queer Asian/Pacific American Activists*. 2003.
- D'Emilio, John. *In a New Century: Essays on Queer History, Politics, and Community Life*. 2014.
- Eaklor, Vicki L. *Queer America: A People's GLBT History of the United States*. 2011.
- Ferguson, Roderick A. *Aberrations In Black: Toward A Queer Of Color Critique*. 2003.
- Gibson, Michelle A., et al eds. *Finding Out: An Introduction to LGBT Studies (second edition)*. 2014.
- Hong, Grace Kyungwon and Roderick A. Ferguson, Eds. *Strange Affinities: The Gender and Sexual Politics of Comparative Racialization*. 2011.
- Scott-Dixon, Krista, ed. *Trans/Forming Feminisms: Trans Feminist Voices Speak Out*. 2006.
- Roscoe, Will. *Changing Ones: Third and Fourth Genders in Native North America*. 2000.

- Internet resources – specifically SCOTUS website and International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission Asylum website