Social Transformation Graduate Certificate

Description

This certificate is designed for graduate and postbaccalaureate students interested in how change is catalyzed by social movements, protest, law, social entrepreneurship, activism and community organizing. Through the exploration of theories and research related to social change, students are able to augment their disciplinary degrees and be prepared to contribute as leaders and change makers in their communities.

Additional program fee: N

Second language requirement: N

Degree Requirements (15 credit hours)

1. Core Course (3 credits)
   - SST 501 Foundations of Social Transformation

2. Electives (9 credits; select 3 of the following courses)
   - CMN 531 Communication and Social Change
   - CMN 570 Communication and Advocacy in Social Context
   - HDA 598 Public Practice of the Arts: Engagement and Community
   - HSD 502 Advanced Science and Technology Policy
   - JHR 506 Grant Writing for Social Justice and Human Rights
   - JHR 525 Action Research in Social Justice and Human Rights
   - JUS 591 Public Policy and Justice
   - JUS 591 Community Research
   - JUS 591 Cultural Theory
   - JUS 591 Environmental Justice and Cultural Politics
   - JUS 579 Political Deviance
   - JUS 591 Social Enterprises: Innovation, Justice and Community Development
   - JUS 660 Globalization and Economic Justice
   - JUS 691 Public Policy and Justice
   - JUS 691 Community Research
   - JUS 691 Cultural Theory
   - JUS 691 Environmental Justice and Cultural Politics
   - JUS 691 Human Rights & Sustainability
   - MHL 598 Urban Movement Practices
   - MHL 598 Music and Movement in Hip Hop Culture
   - MUE 598 Digital and Participatory Culture and Music

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3. Practicum (3 credits)
   □ SST 580 Practicum

The culminating experience will be a community-based practicum experience and a paper that synthesizes students’ interests with their implications for social transformation. The practicum placement will be with a local nonprofit or governmental organization working toward social innovation and social change. Students will be assisted in identifying a practicum placement by the program advisor. At the end of the practicum, students will produce a paper which will analyze the social and political dimensions of some issue within (or aspect of) social transformation. The paper should also identify the implications of this aspect or issue for social policy and social justice. The paper should begin within the context of the practicum experience and will be presented to the designated subset of the certificate executive board for final approval. Students will take three credits of SST 580 Practicum to complete the practicum and then revise, improve and finalize the paper with a certificate faculty member.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, students should submit the following documents to the School of Social Transformation program office:

1. Students must submit a statement of purpose for pursuing the certificate that is no longer than 250 words. The statement should indicate any demonstrated interest in the study of social transformation (e.g., previous course work, professional experience, internships, career plans).
2. Students who are not regularly admitted to an ASU graduate program must submit an official transcript showing the completion of a bachelor’s degree in any...
academic field. These students should have maintained at least a 3.00 GPA or equivalent during their junior-senior years of work on the bachelor's degree.

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants must fulfill both the requirements of Graduate Education and those of the School of Social Transformation.

Applicants must meet the above criteria as judged by the School of Social Transformation graduate committee to have strong academic credentials (undergraduate or graduate GPA) as well as demonstrated interest in the area of social transformation. The committee will review applications for the certificate program in the fall and spring semesters of each year and make recommendations for admission to Graduate Education.