

Los Medanos College

Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: African American Studies for Transfer Degree

Criteria A. Appropriateness to Mission

The mission of the Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: African American Studies for Transfer Degree is consistent with the mission of the community colleges as established by the Legislature in Education Code section 66010.4 in that it offers academic instruction at the lower division level for both younger and older students, including those persons returning to school.

Further, students will be in a position to help advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous work force improvement in a wide range of careers like education, literary studies, journalism, law, business, international relations, political science, psychology, anthropology, social science, theatre, performing arts and cultural studies, among others.

Moreover, the Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: African American Studies for Transfer Degree will provide a rigorous educational experience designed to prepare students for successful engagement and mastery of upper division work in African American studies, and is comparable to the first two years of undergraduate study at a California State University.

The course curriculum for the transfer degree meets the requirements for transfer to the California State University System baccalaureate degree programs in African-American and Africana Studies.

Statement of Program Goals and Objectives (PSLOs):

1. Read, write and discuss orally a variety of primary and secondary texts about African people in the United States and the African Diaspora.
2. Use art, film, music, and literature to critically examine and explore the history and struggle of African people in the United States and the African Diaspora.
3. Analyze the histories and experiences of African people and the contributions they have made to social justice and the fight for equality in the United States and the African Diaspora.
4. Examine the ethical and moral implications inherent in the experiences of African people in the United States and throughout the African Diaspora in their quest for social, moral and economic justice.
5. Compare and contrast the African American experience with other experiences that are a part of the African Diaspora.

Item 2. Catalog Description:

The Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies: African American Studies for Transfer Degree at Los Medanos College will grant students with the opportunity to examine, analyze, and explore African Americans historically, socially, and politically. By employing a cross-disciplinary approach, this course shall allow students to thoroughly consider theoretical frameworks that have impacted the lives of African people in the United States. These theoretical infrastructures primarily include race, gender, and sexuality. Moreover, this course will expose students to the expanse of the African Diaspora, allowing students to recognize connections between African-Americans and African people who lived and are living in the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe. Via the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, the Associate in Arts in Social Justice Studies for Transfer Degree: African American Studies will offer students the chance to study African

Americans in courses such as history, psychology, politics, literature, film, art, ethnic studies, gender studies, child development and health. The degree requires a minimum of 18 units lower division work in African American Studies and related disciplines and is combined with the California State General Education Pattern to prepare students to take upper division courses at a California State University.

Pursuant to SB1440, section 66746, please note the following completion requirements:

“(1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.”

Courses for the major and the GE requirements (CSU GE-Breadth, IGETC) must be completed with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis.

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Program Requirements:**

Required Courses: 9 units

SOCSC -150	Introduction to Race & Ethnicity	3 units
SOCSC/ENGL -136	Introduction to Gender Studies	3 units
SOCSC/ENGL-110	Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3 units

List A: Select three course from at least two of the following areas (9 units):

Area 1:

HIST-061	History of African-Americans since 1865	3 units
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Area 2:

ENGL-129	African American Literature	3 units
DRAMA-072	The Color of Media	3 units

Area 3:

SOCSC-045	Issues Facing African Americans	3 units
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Total Units for Major:	18
Units that may be double count	6
GE Units (CSU/IGETC):	39/37
Electives:	9/11
Total Units for degree:	60