

# QUEER STUDIES CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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The Queer Studies Certificate of Achievement is constituted by three courses. The first is PSY-134: Human Sexuality, in which students acquire scientific knowledge about the wide array of sexual orientations and gender identities beyond the static and dominant binary account. This course provides the objective basis for the next course, which is PHIL-123: Queer Philosophy, in which students will critically examine the theories underpinning our views of gender and sexuality, including liberatory ones, such as Judith Butler's. Students will also explore relevant metaphysical, ethical, and epistemological claims, with an emphasis on human flourishing. The final course is GEND-117: Introduction to LGBT Studies, an interdisciplinary course that introduces the student to a broad range of contemporary and historical LGBTQIA+ issues, including sociological, political, racial, and sexual ones. Queer activism and popular representations are also discussed. The Queer Studies COA is ideal to gain knowledge about LGBTQIA+ communities, persons, and lived experiences. This certificate facilitates cultural awareness and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ issues. Since nearly ten percent of our population identifies as LGBTQIA+, this certificate is invaluable in understanding ourselves and all our communities, and facilitates effective membership and leadership within them.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Students will examine the scientific basis for the diverse array of sexual orientations and gender identities.
2. Students will critically examine the inherited cultural and theoretical philosophies about sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Students will reflect upon a broad range of issues affecting LGBTQIA+ communities, including political and sociological issues.
4. Students will be empowered to understand persons beyond gender binaries, thus making them ideal leaders in health care, education, public service, and other areas of human assembly and cooperation.

**Note: All courses must be completed with a "C" or higher or "Pass."**

Code	Title	Units
GEND-117	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
PHIL-123	Queer Philosophy	3
PSY-134	Human Sexuality	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>9</b>

Any student who chooses to complete only the requirements listed above qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement. An official request must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office prior to the deadline as stated in the Academic Calendar.