“We are defined not by the smallness of our islands, but by the greatness of our oceans”

--the late Dr. ‘Epeli Hau’ofa
A BRIEF HISTORY

The Critical Pacific Islands Studies Certificate Program, housed in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department, was founded in April 2014 after years of hard work by students, community members, faculty, and staff looking to address student demands for more courses in the Pacific.
ALL STUDENTS AT CCSF WELCOME!

Open to any student enrolled at CCSF, the 17-unit certificate introduces students to a critical analysis of Pacific peoples and cultures in the U.S. diaspora and beyond. Privileging the voices of native Pacific Islanders, the interdisciplinary curriculum explores various historical and contemporary topics such as colonization, militarization, social movements, and immigration, through the use of academic and community-based scholarship. All required courses are University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU)-transferable and meet City College of San Francisco General Education (GE) area requirements A, C, D, E, and H1.
OUR MISSION & GOAL

While the certificate program is ideal for those whose work engages with Pacific Islander and other communities of color such as service providers, health practitioners, law enforcement, researchers, teachers, and other professionals, the primary goal is to encourage students to further their educational aspirations through the completion of an associate’s degree and successfully transferring to a four-year university.
BENEFITS TO THIS CERTIFICATE

• May help in getting a job in non-profit organizations that work with Pacific Islander families in the Bay Area or abroad.

• The courses in the certificate are all CSU/UC transferable and fulfill 5 GE areas for CCSF.

• Some of the courses count towards other certificates and majors—MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!

• An appreciation for the peoples, cultures, and ocean of the Pacific Islands.
WHAT CAN THE CERTIFICATE BE USED FOR?

- The certificate in *Critical Pacific Islands Studies* was created to support students who intend to transfer and complete an Associates degree. However, we realize that some students may only want to complete a certificate, and THAT IS FINE! Our certificate is both a vocational (skills-based) and an academic (transfer) certificate which means there are a vast ocean of opportunities in which the certificate can be used. Here are possible jobs or fields of study: *(Remember, the certificate will not guarantee job placement BUT, IT MAY give you an edge in applying.)*

- **Researcher or professor** that study Pacific Islander communities such as Sociology or Anthropology
- **High School teacher**, especially those who teach in schools with high Pacific Islander student enrollment
- **Public Health**, whose work might engage with health issues in Pacific communities
- **Community Advocate**, such as those in non-profit organizations
- **Marine Biology or the Sciences**, can be beneficial with your understanding of Pacific cultures and their relationships to marine life of the oceans
- **Social Worker**, whose career may engage with Pacific Islander youth and families
- **Filmmaker or Critic**, who might create/critique films or media about the Pacific community
- **Cultural Practitioner and Dance Instructors**, interested in the preservation of Pacific Islander cultures
- **Law Enforcement**, who seek to enhance and strengthen personal cultural sensitivity about the people they serve in their communities.
- **Politician**, because you want to know the people whose voices you represent in local, state, and national politics.
- **And many more possibilities...**
ARE YOU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

• Guess what!? Our certificate program qualifies for concurrent enrollment—which means, if you can muster the time in your busy schedule and are feeling ambitious about going to college and want to get a head start in your college career, you can enroll at CCSF for FREE!

• Check with your high school counselor for more information and to ensure that your class schedule permits you to enroll!
Drawing inspiration from a Pacific cultural concept—*Ocean*—the program is designed to strengthen students’ mastery in 5 core courses across the disciplines of Ethnic Studies, Pacific Islands Studies, Environmental Sciences, Diversity & Social Justice, and an elective course of the students choosing.

_Upon completion of the certificate, students will be able to:_
◊ Critically evaluate behavioral, social, and indigenous theories and methodologies used in the study of Pacific Islander communities in relation to their cultural, economic, educational, health, immigration, political, and social conditions.

◊ Compare and contrast the expression of the ocean aesthetic across Pacific Islander cultural practices including the arts, architecture, dance, film, language, literature, music, poetry, sports, and theater.

◊ Apply critical analytical skills using problem-solving techniques to improve study strategies and assess health and wellness information essential to mental, physical, and lifelong well-being.

◊ Explain the intersectionality and interrelatedness of distinct forms of social oppression in the United States, including Anti-Semitism and anti-Arabism, adultism, ageism, ableism, classism, heterosexism, homophobia, racism, sexism, and transphobia.

◊ Analyze and assess the scientific effects of ocean currents, waves, tides, rising sea levels, and the general circulation of the atmosphere and its impacts to and from human society, marine life, and geographical landscapes.
COURSE WORK FOR CERTIFICATE

A certificate of accomplishment is awarded upon the successful completion of 5 core courses and an elective course totaling 17-units.

IDST 50 College Success (A)............3 units
OCEN 01 Oceans (C)........................3 units***
IDST 45 Islanders in the U.S.(D).... 3 units
IDST 46 Oceania & the Arts (E)......3 units
IDST 80/81* Social Justice (H1).....2 units
Elective** ...................................... 3 units

Total.................................................17 units
COURSE WORK FOR CERTIFICATE

*Diversity & Social Justice:* To fulfill the DSJ requirement, students will choose from the following courses for two (2) units:

- IDST 80A: Racism ..................................0.5 units
- IDST 80C: Sexism ..............................0.5 units
- IDST80D: Heterosexism......................0.5 units
- IDST80E: Ableism ..............................0.5 units
- IDST 80F: Classism............................ 0.5 units
- IDST80G: Transphobia ......................0.5 units
- IDST81A: Ageism & Adultism...........1 unit
- IDST81B: Anti-Semitism....................1 unit

**Elective Courses:** Students can choose one of the following elective courses for 3 units:
- ASAM 08; ANTH 15; BIO 32; CINE 22; GEOG 4; IDST 14, 29, 30, 36, 37, 40; LALS 9; LGBT 9; PHST 20, 30; & WOMN 20

***Substitution of the required courses are reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.***
Elective Courses

Students can choose one of the following elective courses for 3 units:

Asian American Studies (ASAM) 08: Filipino American Communities
Anthropology (ANTH) 15: Philippine Culture and History
Biology (BIO) 32: Marine Biology
Cinema (CINE) 22: The Documentary Tradition
Geography (GEOG) 04: Cultural Geography
Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) 14: American Cultures in Literature & Film
  29: Introduction to Islam
  30: Demystifying the Middle East
  36: Poetry for the People
  37: Racial and Ethnic Groups in the U.S.
  40: The Filipino Community
Latin American & Latina/o Studies (LALS) 09: Latina/o LGBT Experience
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (LGBT) 09: Latina/o LGBT Experience
Philippine Studies (PHST) 20: The Filipino Family
Philippine Studies (PHST) 30: Filipino Society & Culture through Film
Women’s Studies (WOMN) 20: Her/His/Ourstories
CREDIT TOWARDS GRADUATION

Credit earned to obtain the certificate satisfies several CCSF General Education (GE) Areas and IGETC Transfer Requirements to UC or CSU.

Area “A” = Communication & Analytical Thinking
Area “C” = Natural Sciences
Area “D” = Social Sciences
Area “E” = Humanities
Area “H1” = Ethnic Studies
Did you know that courses you take to fulfill the *Critical Pacific Islands Studies Certificate* can also be used to satisfy requirements for other Certificates & Majors? **TALK ABOUT MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK! CHECK OUT THESE OTHER CERTIFICATES IN THE DIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE!**

Courses in the IDST 80/81 series fulfill requirements for other certificates offered in the Diversity Collaborative:

- Diversity and Social Justice Certificate
- Youth Workers Certificate
- Sexual Health Educator Certificate
- Trauma Prevention and Recovery Certificate
- Women’s Studies Major
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