

# Critical Pacific Islands Studies Certificate of Accomplishment - Historical

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

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The Critical Pacific Islands Studies Certificate of Accomplishment 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 a plethora of historical and contemporary topics, including 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 (Communication & Analytical Thinking), C (Natural Sciences), D (Behavioral and Social Sciences) E (Humanities), H1 (Ethnic Studies).

While the certificate program is ideal for those whose work involves native Pacific Islanders 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.

## Learning Outcomes

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

- 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 architecture, arts, dance, film, language, literature, music, poetry, sports, and theater.
- Apply critical and creative analytical skills using problem-solving and decision-making techniques for improving study strategies and health and wellness information essential to mental, physical, and lifelong well-being.
- Describe 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.

The certificate requires completion of a series of courses. Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher, or pass.

The minimum time for completion of this certificate is 2 semesters. Completion time will vary based on student preparation and number of classes completed per semester.

## Courses Required for the Certificate of Accomplishment in Critical Pacific Islands Studies

Course	Units
<b>Required courses:</b>	
IDST 45 - Pacific Islanders in the U.S.	3.00
IDST 46 - Fa 'a Pasefika: Interdisciplinary Cultural Expressions of Oceania	3.00
IDST 50/LERN 50 - College Success	3.00
OCAN 1 - Oceanography	3.00
Total:	12.00
<b>Choose two (2) units of Diversity &amp; Social Justice courses:</b>	
IDST 80A - Diversity and Social Justice: Racism	0.50
IDST 80C - Diversity and Social Justice: Sexism	0.50
IDST 80D - Diversity and Social Justice: Heterosexism	0.50
IDST 80E - Diversity and Social Justice: Ableism	0.50
IDST 80F - Diversity and Social Justice: Class and Classism	0.50
IDST 81B - Diversity and Social Justice: Anti-Semitism/Anti-Arabism	1.00
Total:	2.00

<b>Choose three (3) units: from the following elective courses:</b>	
ASAM 8 - Filipino American Community	3.00
ANTH 15 - Philippine Culture and Society	3.00
BIO 32 - Marine Biology	3.00
CINE 22 - The Documentary Tradition	3.00
GEOG 4 - Cultural Geography	3.00
IDST 14 - American Cultures in Literature and Film	3.00
IDST 29 - Introduction to Islam	3.00
IDST 30 - Demystifying the Middle East	3.00
IDST 36 - Poetry for the People	3.00
IDST 37 - Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3.00
IDST 40 - Contemporary Issues in the Filipino Community	3.00
LALS 9/LGBT 9 - The Latin American and Latina/o LGBT Experience	3.00
PHST 20 - The Filipino Family	3.00
PHST 30 - Philippine Society and Culture Through Film	3.00
WOMN 20 - Her/His/Ourstories	3.00
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