

# DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS (631)

## Program Coordinator

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The major in diversity and community studies provides graduates with a critical framework for understanding identity, inequality, and community development, as well as social change through both political structures and social movements. This framework, situated within a social scientific perspective, provides the knowledge and skills necessary for a wide range of vocations in social services, governmental, non-profit, and entrepreneurial sectors. Students majoring in diversity and community studies must complete a minimum of 33 credit hours (18 at the upper level) and must also select a minor, certificate, or second major. The major leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree.

## Program Requirements (33 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses (18 hours)</b>		
CSJ 200	Introduction to Social Justice	3
SOCL 210	Interaction: Self in Society	3
DCS 300	Public Problem Solving	3
SOCL 402	Evaluation Research Tech	3
SOCL 362	Social Institutions: Race, Class, and Gender	3
or SOCL 375	Diversity in American Society	
SOCL 455	Theory and Practice of Community Development	3
or SOCL 452	Social Change	
<b>Electives (15 hours)</b>		
Select an additional 15 hours from the following categories, choosing at least 3 but no more than 6 hours from each category. Only 6 hours can come from a single prefix.		15
Category I: Identity and Social Inequality:		
AFAM 190	African American Experience	
ANTH/FLK 342	Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean	
COMM 365	Intercultural Communication	
DCS 363	Narrative, Discourse, and Prison Systems	
ENG 360	Gay and Lesbian Literature	
ENG 370	U.S. Ethnic Literature	
ENG 393	African American Literature	

GWS 375	American Masculinities
HIST 353	Indian Peoples of North America
HIST 358	Blacks in American History to 1877
HIST 359	Blacks in American History Since 1877
HIST 453	American Women's History
SOCL 350	Systems of Social Inequality
SWRK 300	Diversity and Social Welfare
Category II: Advocacy and Social Change:	
AFAM/HIST 343	Communities of Struggle
ANTH 360	Applied Anthropology – Understanding and Addressing Contemporary Human Problems
CSJ 435	Reimagining Citizenship
ENG 295	Popular Culture and Gender: Signs & Narratives
GWS 200	Introduction to Gender And Women's Studies
HIST 430	History of the Civil Rights Movement in America
LEAD 325	Leading Change
PH 447	Human Values and the Health Sciences
PS 373	Minority Politics
PS 374	Women and Politics
SOM 310	Media Diversity
SOCL 312	Collective Behavior and Social Movements
SOCL 376	Sociology of Globalization
Category III: Community Organization and Development:	
COMM 330	Leadership Communication
or COMM 364	Crisis Communication
FLK 330	Cultural Connections and Diversity
GEOG 380	Global Sustainability
LEAD 330	Leadership Ethics and Decision-Making
PS 275	Introduction to Citizenship
PS 311	Public Policy
REC 460	Grant Writing for Nonprofit Organizations
SOCL 270	Introduction to Community, Environment, & Development
SOCL 360	The Community in Rural and Urban Settings
SWRK 330	Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Total Hours 33

## Finish in Four Plan

First Year			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 COMM 145	3
MATH 109 (or higher)		3 HIST 101 or HIST 102	3

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CSJ 200	3	GWS 200	3
IDST 175	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
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**Second Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
World Language, if needed or General Elective		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences	3
ENG 300	3	DCS Formations Selection (6 of 6 hours)	3
AFAM 190	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
DCS Formations Selection (3 of 6 hours)	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
		15	15

**Third Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Sciences w/ lab	3	Colonnade: Connections (Social & Cultural)	3
DCS 300	3	DCS Systems Selection (6 of 6 hours)	3
DCS Advocacy Selection (3 of 6 hours)	3	DCS Advocacy Selection (6 of 6 hours)	3
DCS Systems Selection (3 of 6 hours)	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
		15	15

**Fourth Year**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Colonnade: Connections (Local to Global)	3	DCS 400	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
Elective in Major/Minor	3	Elective in Major/Minor	3
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Total Hours 120