



To: Board of Trustees

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## 1. New Programs

The following new program proposals were submitted for full review and have been approved by the Curriculum Committee.

### 1.1. Environmental Science AS-T

**(40 units + GE)**

**Catalog Description:** The Associate in Science Degree in Environmental Science is an interdisciplinary program that includes courses in geology, chemistry, math, physics, biology and economics. Students develop a critical understanding of how the natural world works, how humans interact and impact the environment, and how to develop sustainable solutions to environmental challenges.

To fulfill the requirements for this degree, students will complete the required and elective courses in the area of emphasis and the appropriate general education pattern (either CSU GE or IGETC) totaling 60 semester CSU-transferable units.

Additional NVC graduation requirements do not apply to this degree. Students must successfully pass all courses in the area of emphasis with a minimum of “C” and maintain an overall minimum 2.0 GPA. Additionally, students pursuing this degree option must work with a counselor and faculty advisor to ensure appropriate elective course selections for their intended area of emphasis for the baccalaureate degree.

**Rationale:** NVC currently offers all of the courses required for the Environmental Science AS-T. This program will give students a new transfer degree option and is something that students have requested.

### 1.2. Social Justice Studies: Gender Studies

**(21 units + GE)**

**Catalog Description:** This program is designed to introduce students to studies of sex, gender, and sexuality from a variety of academic disciplines and prepare them for transfer into university programs in these areas. Intersections between sex, gender, sexuality, social class and race/ethnicity will be explored. Students will engage with a growing body of work in feminist and queer theory that broadens our understanding of



gender, sexuality, society, and culture.

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**Rationale:** The Social Justice Studies TMC is an "area of emphasis", intentionally designed to provide preparation for a variety of majors at the CSU. This specific SJS degree is further specialized for students who wish to transfer into programs related to the study of gender and sexuality.

### 1.3. Social Justice Studies: LGBTQ Studies

(21 units + GE)

**Catalog Description:** This program is designed to introduce students to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer studies from a variety of academic disciplines and prepare them for transfer into university programs in these areas. Intersections between sexual orientation, gender identity, and other social statuses will be explored. Students will engage with a growing body of work in feminist and queer theory that broadens our understanding of sexual orientation, gender identity, society, and culture.

To fulfill the requirements for this degree, students will complete the required and elective courses in the area of emphasis and the appropriate general education pattern (either CSU GE or IGETC) totaling 60 semester CSU-transferable units.

Additional NVC graduation requirements do not apply to this degree. Students must successfully pass all courses in the area of emphasis with a minimum of "C" and maintain an overall minimum 2.0 GPA. Additionally, students pursuing this degree option must work with a counselor and faculty advisor to ensure appropriate elective course selections for their intended area of emphasis for the baccalaureate degree.

**Rationale:** The Social Justice Studies TMC is an "area of emphasis", intentionally designed to provide preparation for a variety of majors at the CSU. This specific SJS degree is further specialized for students who wish to transfer into programs related to LGBT and/or Queer Studies.