

**HSC390: LGBT Communities & Health**  
**Department of Health Sciences**  
**California State University, East Bay**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is focused on understanding health disparities and health inequity from the perspective of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans) Community. Moreover, the course will also explore how cultural expression in the humanities through artwork, photography, video, theatre, literature, and music can impact LGBT health concepts and enable communities to reflect on and respond to LGBT-specific health crises and emerging issues.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with the disparities in incidence and mortality, risk factor prevalence, preventative behaviors, and treatment among LGBT communities for various health conditions and diseases
- Describe varying definitions of health produced by LGBT communities in the context of the health humanities
- Show how LGBT communities have used the arts to reflect on health and LGBT identities
- Relate the ways in which arts and cultural production have been used by LGBT communities to respond to health crises and issues
- Demonstrate empathy
- Produce two reflection papers and a final project that integrate course concepts, analyzing the relationships among LGBT identity and culture and issues related to health

**EVALUATION**

The course grade will be based on:

- Class/Online Participation (40%)
- Reflection Paper #1 (15%)
- Reflection Paper #2 (15%)
- Virtual Group Project (30%)

### CLASS SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

Session	Week of	Topics
1	8/20	Introduction to the instructor, course content, syllabus, project, and tips for success in online courses
2	8/27	Overview of LGBT Communities, Brief Historical Context
3	9/3	Fundamentals of LGBT Health Disparities
4	9/10	LGBT At-Risk Sub-Populations: Race/Ethnicity, Age  <b>Group Meeting #1</b>
5	9/17	Trans 101
6	9/27	LGBT Health Risk Factors: Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco Use
7	10/1	HIV and AIDS  <b>Group Meeting #2</b>
8	10/8	<b>Reflection Paper #1 Due via Email - Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm</b>
9	10/15	Fundamentals of Health Humanities
10	10/22	Art of the AIDS Crisis
11	10/29	LGBT Photography  <b>Group Meeting #3</b>
12	11/5	LGBT Movies, Theatre, Music
13	11/12	<b>Reflection Paper #2 Due via Email - Friday, November 16, 2018 by 5:00pm</b>
14	11/19	Thanksgiving Holiday Recess: No Class this Week

15	11/26	LGBT Activism, Campaigns/Movements <b>Group Meeting #4</b>
16	12/3	<b>Dedicated week to Group Meetings to finalize Group Project</b>
17	12/10	<b>Final Group Project Due via Email - Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm</b>