

Degree programs, centers and initiatives

At the School of Social Transformation our focus is transformational knowledge, including creative research approaches to themes and questions embedded in broader historical, social and cultural contexts. Our centers, initiatives and signature events reflect our dedication to examining the processes of change and developing collaborative spaces to work with others in changing the world.

Graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs

African and African American Studies
African Studies
American Studies
Asian Pacific American Studies
Disability Studies
Economic Justice
Gender Studies
Human Rights
Indigenous Education
Justice Studies
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies
Sexuality Studies
Socio-Legal Studies
Social and Cultural Pedagogy
Social Transformation
Socio-Economic Justice
Women and Gender Studies

Our centers

Center for Gender Equity in Science and Technology
Center for Indian Education
Center for Work and Democracy

Our initiatives

APACE Academy
CompuGirls
Journal of American Indian Education

Signature events

A. Wade Smith Memorial Lecture
Black History Month
Ethnic Studies Week at ASU
Human Rights at ASU
John P. Frank Lecture
Local to Global Justice
Seeking Justice in AZ

Philanthropy fuels possibilities

When you give to the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University, you become a partner in the academic success of our students, the research discoveries of our faculty and the continued effort to make the world better. You're also supporting a top-ranked research university that's committed to finding solutions to some of our most pressing concerns. From scholarship support to funding for a specific research cause, your generosity and continued investment impact our community profoundly.

“In the midst of a global pandemic and calls for racial injustice, our school’s values and mission are more important and relevant than ever. We are part of the fight against systems of inequity and, through scholar activism, we speak truth to power and explore solutions. We honor the voices of activists, committed intellectuals and community members that teach us the way forward and model various forms of social transformation.”

— Camilla Fojas

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Fact sheet

Social Sciences

ASU The College
of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Arizona State University

10:1
student-to-
faculty ratio

47
tenured and
tenure-track
faculty

182
degrees granted
(2019–2020)

17
degree
programs

Breaking boundaries, creating social change

The School of Social Transformation focuses on transformational knowledge, including creative research approaches to themes and questions embedded in broader historical, social and cultural contexts. We prepare our students to be informed members of society who are interdisciplinary, team-oriented, real-world problem-solvers that can thrive in any environment, career or pursuit.



Leading global impact and innovative solutions

Our diverse faculty break from the traditional academic mold. They aim to find innovative ways to engage with students and the community to positively transform the world. School of Social Transformation faculty are active researchers in the social sciences, humanities, and education, and they use creative approaches to themes and questions embedded in broader historical social and cultural contexts.



Human rights are the basis for social change

Each year the School of Social Transformation sponsors the Human Rights Film Festival to raise awareness of human rights issues worldwide and engage a conversation with ASU and the greater community.



An all-embracing fight for freedom

Local to Global Justice is a volunteer organization with the primary goal of educating ASU students and the greater community about social justice issues. The organization connects local diversity, sustainability, freedom of speech and other topics to larger global struggles.



Justice through law and order

The John P Frank Lecture is the School of Social Transformation's signature annual event. The endowed lecture series honors the memory of Attorney John P. Frank, a leader in the Arizona legal community. The series focuses on pressing justice issues of our time, honoring Frank's life-long commitments to justice, scholarship and law.

Inspiring students to change the world

At the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University, we are focused on the academic success of our students, the research discoveries of our faculty and the continued effort to make the world better. As part of a top-ranked research university, we are committed to finding solutions to some of our most pressing societal concerns.

5,739	course enrollments
223	incoming students
664	undergraduate students
511	on-campus students
58	total faculty

The Human Rights Film Festival is a three-day forum for screening and discussing films that explore the most pressing topics of our time. Over its 10-year history, the HRFF has highlighted a diversity of human rights themes, both domestic and international – from voting rights, gender and racial discrimination, immigration, to indigenous rights and the right to a healthy and sustainable ecology, and more.”

LaDawn Haglund
faculty lead and associate professor, justice and social inquiry

