

# California Studies - Certificate of Specialization

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

**Program Description:** California Studies is an interdisciplinary program that includes; geology, geography, history, political science. The certificate is designed to enhance faculty and student interaction in an interdisciplinary setting and assist both in exploring the connections among different perspectives on a major subject. Students will not only study California from a variety of perspectives in the classroom, but they will also have an opportunity to engage in significant field research. This certificate would be of significant importance to those students who intend to teaching in California, both K-12 and higher education, as well as those pursuing a career in public services, (tourism, politics and city employees).

**Program SLO:** Students will be able to analyze and apply a process of ethical inquiry to the historical, cultural, spatial-political, and geomorphic issues and patterns found within the California Landscape.

**Important Information:** For students interested in earning an Associate's degree and/or transfer, please follow up with the Counseling Office for additional information @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661)362-3811.

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Geology Department](#)

**First Semester (15 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer**

Course	Title	Units	Major Course
<b>GEOGRPH 105</b>	<b>California Geography (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>GEOLOGY 105</b>	<b>Geology of California (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>ANTHRO 210</b>	<b>Indians of California (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>HIST 210</b>	<b>History of California (FA, SP)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major</b>
<b>POLISC 150/150H</b>	<b>Introduction to American Government and Politics (FA, WI, SP, SU)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Major</b>
	<b>Term Totals:</b>	<b>15</b>	

Check the [Honors website](#) for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses

**Total Units: 15**

\*While this certificate can be completed in one semester, it is recommended that you work with your counselor to integrate these courses within your student educational plan for your major.

## Counseling Resources

Geology Department Website: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/earthsciences/program/geology.php>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student services/counseling/index.php>

Honors Program: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/honors>

Campus Alliances: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

Petition for Certificate – Petitions are due in the fall/spring/summer term you will complete the requirements, and may be submitted before your last term or up until the final day of the term. Petitions must reviewed with a counselor and may be downloaded here:

[https://www.canyons.edu/\\_resources/documents/student services/admissions/Petition\\_for\\_Certificate\\_of\\_Specialization.pdf](https://www.canyons.edu/_resources/documents/student services/admissions/Petition_for_Certificate_of_Specialization.pdf)

## Career Resources

California Career Zone: [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)

O\*Net Online: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

Professional Associations:

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