

CRITICAL THEORY - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

This certificate offers students a background in philosophical foundations of critical theory. Drawing on disciplines such as philosophy, psychoanalysis, Marxism, literary criticism and sociology, critical theory develops analytical tools for describing and evaluating modern society and cultural production.

Requirements

Procedures

To complete the certificate program a student must:

1. Enroll in the certificate program by emailing the Certificate Director (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/contact-us/>) and the Graduate Program Assistant, Karen Hawley (gssl@colorado.edu).
2. Once a student has completed the requirements for the certificate, they should complete the Certificate Completion Worksheet (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/critical-theory-completion-worksheet/>) and submit it to the Graduate Program Assistant, Karen Hawley (gssl@colorado.edu). (gssl@colorado.edu) *Note:* Worksheet should be submitted the semester the student competes the certificate requirements (or any semester thereafter); certificate is awarded when the student completes their graduate program. Once the director has approved the worksheet, and once student completes their graduate program, the certificate will be added to the student's transcript.

Graduate Certificate Forms and Links

- Certificate Elective Courses List (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/graduate-certificate-program-critical-theory-elective-courses/>)
- Affiliated Faculty List (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/affiliated-faculty/>)
- Certificate Completion Worksheet (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/critical-theory-completion-worksheet/>)

For more information contact the Certificate Director (<https://www.colorado.edu/gssl/contact-us/>) or the Graduate Program Assistant, Karen Hawley (Karen.Hawley@colorado.edu), (303) 492-3529.

Required Courses and Credits

A total of 12 credit hours are required for completion of the certificate. Of those, 6 credits are earned through a two-course core sequence designed to provide the intellectual history and philosophical foundations for contemporary research directions in critical theory. Students must also take two electives in theory. These courses may be from the list below, and students can also request that the director approve other theory courses.

Students must obtain a grade of B or above in each course taken toward the certificate.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
Students are required to take the following 2 core graduate courses. Although they may be taken in any order, we encourage students to take them in order when possible. Neither of these courses may be taken as an independent study.		
GRMN 5030	Foundations of Critical Theory	3
GRMN 5051	Critical Theory of the Frankfurt School	3
Electives		
Select two additional elective courses in theory from the list below. Students may also submit a request to the director to recognize courses not listed by submitting a copy of the current syllabus. (Except under extraordinary circumstance, independent study courses do not count toward the graduate certificate.)		6
ANTH 5785	Advanced Seminar in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 7010	Seminar: Contemporary Theory in Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 7620	Seminar: Ethnography and Cultural Theory	
ARTF 5004	Topics in Film Theory	
ARTF 5604	Colloquium in Film Aesthetics	
ARTH 6929	Seminar: Methods/Theories of Art History	
COMM 6010	Communication Research and Theory	
COMM 6320	Rhetorical Theory	
COMM 6360	Social and Cultural Theory	
ENGL 5019	Survey of Contemporary Literary and Cultural Theory	
ENGL 7489	Advanced Special Topics	
ENVS 5240	Environmental Philosophy	
ETHN 6103	Indigenous Thought and Theory: Foundations in NAIS	
FREN 5445	Literary Theory, Part I	
GEOG 5100	Special Topics: Geography	
GEOG 5632	Development Geography	
GEOG 6742	Seminar: Cultural Geography	
HIST 6540	Readings in Cultural History and Theory	
HIST 6414	Readings in European Intellectual History	
HIST 7326	Seminar: U.S. Intellectual History	
LING 6320	Linguistic Anthropology	
LING 7350	Language and Gender in Cultural Perspective	
LING 7420	Syntactic Theory	
MDST 6051	Media Theories	
MDST 6071	Critical Theories of Media and Culture	
MDST 7011	Proseminar in Media Communication Theory 1	
MDST 7021	Proseminar in Media and Communication Theory 2	
PHIL 5110	Contemporary Moral Theory	
PHIL 5200	Contemporary Political Philosophy	

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PHIL 5240	Seminar in Environmental Philosophy
PHIL 5300	Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 5490	Philosophy of Language
PSCI 7004	Seminar: Political Theory
SOCY 5201	Graduate Seminar in Sociological Theory
SOCY 7036	Feminist Theory
SPAN 5130	Seminar: Critical Approaches to Iberian & Latin American Literatures and Cultures
WGST 6090	Feminist Theories
WGST 6796	Queer Theories

Total Credit Hours

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