

# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

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## Overview and Contact Information

Scholarship on reproductive health, rights, and justice examines the impact of reproductive policies not only on individuals, but also on communities, with particular attention to diverse ethnic groups, cultures and nations, especially those which have been marginalized. The study of reproductive health, rights, and justice centers on the social, economic, legal, and political conditions that impact reproduction, including the health care industry, the prison industrial complex, the foster care system, and laws and public policies regulating reproduction. This field also includes the history of social movements for reproductive empowerment, including the movements for women's liberation, disability rights, racial justice, economic justice, LGBTQ rights, and the women's health reproductive freedom and reproductive justice movements.

## Contact Information

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## Requirements for the Certificate

A minimum of six courses:

Code	Title	Credits
At least six approved courses including: <sup>1</sup>		
	One foundational course	
	One transnational/global course	
	One upper-level (300 or above) course	
<b>Total Courses</b>		<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> These courses must be selected from the courses currently approved to count towards this certificate by its Five-College faculty committee. That list is available at [www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice](http://www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice/) (<http://www.fivecolleges.edu/reproductive-health-rights-justice/>) Courses not on this list may be approved for inclusion by campus program advisors in consultation with the committee.

## Other Requirements

- Students must also complete a special project on reproductive health, rights, and justice including a 1,500-word reflection essay about their project. This requirement may be completed through an independent study project, thesis, or other course work that engages the student with issues of reproductive health, rights, or justice and meaningfully incorporates the perspectives of community-based groups. Students are encouraged to fulfill the requirement through participation in an appropriate community engaged experience selected in consultation with their academic advisors.