

P.L.A.C.E.S. Philosophy

P.L.A.C.E.S. is the philosophical framework that the CCC uses when developing programs, doing outreach, and forming collaborations. All CCC sponsored educational, social and cultural events promote the P.L.A.C.E.S. values. We also require that groups who reserve rooms with the CCC align themselves with the spirit of the P.L.A.C.E.S. attitude. In this way, we are creating and building a stronger community based on a foundation of social justice and affirmation.



Promoting respectful dialogues,

Leadership,

Affirmation of identities,

Community building to create safe spaces, and

Empowerment through a

Social justice lens

Promoting respectful dialogues

The CCC provides programs and spaces for Center users to have open discussions where all opinions are valued and heard.

Leadership

The CCC provides programs and services that promote opportunities for students to develop into local and global citizens.

Affirmation of identities

The CCC values and promotes the understanding of the intersections and affirmation of identities. This includes, but not limited to: race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, sex, culture, age, ability, class, religion, spirituality, and body image. We confront all forms of oppression within these multiple identities.

Community Building to Create Safe Spaces

The CCC provides interactive programs and retention spaces to create new connections, strengthen existing relationships, and encourage cross collaborations.

Empowerment

The CCC offers educational workshops, trainings and programs on social, cultural, diversity and social justice issues, which serve to empower campus and community leaders by providing the necessary tools to be an advocate for positive social change, proactive about addressing inequities, able to explore multiple identities, and able to maintain balance in all aspects of their lives.

Social Justice Lens

The CCC functions within a social justice framework that includes a vision of society in which the distribution of resources is equitable and all members are physically and psychologically safe and secure. We envision a society in which individuals are both self-determining (able to develop their full capacities) and interdependent (capable of interacting democratically with others). Social

justice involves social actors who have a sense of their own agency as well as a sense of social responsibility toward and with others and the society as a whole.