

Women's Studies

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General Description

The Women's Studies program focuses on female experiences and questions of gender from a variety of perspectives including feminist theory, history, religion, literature, cross-cultural studies, psychology, sociology, sexuality, women and work, and society and family. This department explores the historical, social, and cultural contributions of women within a global perspective while providing knowledge about sexual forms of oppression. The study of women is the study of the history of humanity.

Career Options

Below is a sample of the career options available to the women's studies major. A few of these require an associate in arts degree, most require a bachelor's degree, and some require a graduate-level degree: historian, high school or college instructor, researcher, writer, lawyer, politician, lobbyist, commentator, social critic, research assistant, film producer, judge, cultural anthropologist, museum curator, publisher, cultural affairs specialist, business owner, administrator, sociologist, and mother.

Degree/Certificate Options

Associate in Arts Degree: Transfer Preparation

Women's Studies

Major Code

01201

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

Women's Studies

Transfer Preparation * (Major Code: 01201)

Designed to provide both female and male students with a historical and global perspective on the role of women in society, a comprehension of the dynamics of gender, race, and class; and an introduction to contemporary issues current in the women's movement. The major is cross-cultural and interdisciplinary in nature. The coursework seeks to promote teaching and research in the service of eliminating sexism while providing a rigorous scholarly inquiry of women's rapidly changing economic, legal, and political position in society.

ENGL 280	Literature by Women	3
HIST 132	Women in World History	3
SOC 135	Sociology of the Family	3
	Foreign Language	5
	Complete 6 units from electives	6

Total units	20
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Electives: AFRO 110, 111; ANTH 102; ART 149; ASIA 113, 114; ENGL 260; HLTH 116; HUM 140; HIST 121, 122; MAS 141, 142, 150; SOC 150.

To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements must be completed. See page 49.

- * Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete courses specific to the transfer institution of choice. University requirements vary from institution to institution and are subject to change. Therefore, it is important to verify transfer major preparation and general education requirements through consultation with a counselor in either the Counseling Center or Transfer Center. See catalog TRANSFER COURSES INFORMATION section on page 32 for further information.