

Women's Studies

The Curriculum

The women's studies curriculum engages the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and arts in an exploration of the history, biology, roles, status, writing, and art of women. The curriculum includes courses that take up subjects of academic interest as well as courses designed to provide students with assistance and support as they examine career choices and goals. Students investigate feminist theory and consider alternatives for men and women in our culture.

Courses offered in the women's studies curriculum meet general education requirements in lifelong health and personal development and social sciences; and they may be applied toward a major in women's studies for the Associate in Arts degree.

If you intend to transfer:

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Irvine Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a baccalaureate degree. If you plan to transfer to a four-year college or university, you should (1) refer to the transfer section of this catalog, (2) consult the catalog of your prospective transfer institution (see the IVC Transfer Center for assistance), and (3) schedule an appointment with an IVC counselor to develop a plan of study before you begin your program. In addition, it may be helpful to meet with the appropriate department faculty at IVC.

If you plan to complete an associate degree:

You must complete the following set of courses to fulfill the major requirement and, in addition, meet the general education requirements listed on page 21 for the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. Refer to page 16 for additional options for fulfilling the major requirement.

WOMEN'S STUDIES MAJOR

(A.A. Degree)

<i>Select a minimum of 18 units from the following courses:</i>		<i>Units</i>
ANTH 21	Women and Culture	(3)
ART 21	Women in Art	(3)
LIT 45	Women in Literature	(3)
PSYC 21	The Psychology of Women	(3)
SOC 21	Women in Contemporary Society	(3)
WS 10	Introduction to Women's Studies	(3)
WS 100	The Female Experience	<u>(3)</u>
Total units:		18

Women's Studies Courses

WS 10

3 units

INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

This course introduces women's studies as an academic discipline, investigates the principles of feminist theories and applies them to a variety of topics. The course will explore the history of the women's movement, women's contribution to the arts, women's influence in the work force, issues in women's health, female sexuality, the development of women's power and autonomy in twentieth century Western culture, and women in the Third World. NR
Lecture hours: 3

WS 100

3 units

THE FEMALE EXPERIENCE

This course explores personal and academic experiences of women. The course will investigate such topics as gender differences, the life cycle of women, relationships, self-esteem, feminism, and the changing roles of women in our society. NR
Lecture hours: 3

WS 120

3 units

WOMEN AND CAREERS

Emphasizing career development for women, this course uses a variety of instruments to assess students' interests, aptitudes, values, and personalities. Activities center on interpreting test results and matching them with career choices. The course offers demonstration, practice and feedback in writing resumes, seeking jobs and interviewing. NR
Lecture hours: 3

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