

## School of Guidance and Counseling

# Women's Studies

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### 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.

### Major

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.

### Associate in Arts Degree in Women's Studies:

Students must complete a minimum of 60 units of credit, including the courses in the major and general education requirements (page 22), with an overall GPA of 2.0 or better. A minimum of 12 units must be completed at Irvine Valley College. See pages 20-21 for further information, including other options for fulfilling the major requirement.

### Transfer Preparation:

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. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should (1) refer to the transfer section of this catalog, (2) consult the catalog of their 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 beginning their program. It may be helpful to meet with the department faculty at IVC.

## Associate in Arts Degree Women's Studies Major

Select a minimum of 18 units from the following courses:

		Units
<b>ANTH 21</b>	Women and Culture	3
<b>ART 21</b>	Women in Art	3
<b>LIT 45</b>	Women in Literature	3
<b>PSYC 21</b>	The Psychology of Women	3
<b>SOC 21</b>	Women in Contemporary Society	3
<b>WS 10</b>	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
<b>WS 100</b>	The Female Experience	3

**TOTAL UNITS: 18**

## Women's Studies Courses

### WS 10: Introduction to Women's Studies

**3 Units**

*3 hours lecture*

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

### WS 100: The Female Experience

**3 Units**

*3 hours lecture*

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

### WS 120: Women and Careers

**3 Units**

*3 hours lecture*

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