

WOMEN'S STUDIES

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Curriculum

Courses offered in the women's studies curriculum meet general education requirements in lifelong health and personal development and social sciences. The curriculum includes 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.

Career Options

With a bachelor's or master's degree in women's studies, students may pursue a variety of careers in such areas as education, business, law, politics, journalism, health care, social services, and public relations.

COURSES

WS 10: INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Transfers: CSU, UC

This course introduces women's studies as an academic discipline. It explores the history of the women's movement, women's influence in the work force, issues in women's health, female sexuality, and the development of women's power and autonomy. The course investigates the principles of feminist theories and applies these theories to a variety of topics. NR

WS 100: AWARENESS OF THE FEMALE EXPERIENCE

3 Units

3 hours

Transfers: CSU

This course explores the experiences of women and the perspectives women have on their lives and on themselves in the context of their world. The course will investigate such topics as gender, relationships, "women's work," self-esteem, ethnicity and biculturalism, notions of beauty, feminism, the formation of self-concept, and the changing roles of women in our society. It will deal with women's experiences and perspectives across the stages of their lives, and the influences that help shape these. The course will emphasize the importance of self-awareness in increasing personal power, building confidence, and raising self-esteem. It is designed to benefit both women and men. NR

WS 120: WOMEN/CAREERS AND LIFESTYLE

3 Units

3 hours lecture

Transfers: CSU

This course offers women and men an opportunity to make career decisions while addressing gender expectations, responsibilities, and multiple life roles and relationships. The course considers popular stereotypes of women working in and out of the paid labor force and addresses such "women's issues" as gender differences in occupation, earnings, and income; power and status inequalities between women and men; marriage and divorce; childbearing; and parental responsibilities. The course focuses on the re-entry head of household and single parent seeking to balance various roles as they pursue their college education and/or career. Students will integrate their interests, abilities and values as they make decisions about career opportunities. NR