

WOMEN'S STUDIES

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DESCRIPTION

Women's Studies introduces the past and present achievements and experiences of women from an interdisciplinary and global perspective. The courses explore the decisive role that gender has played and continues to play in human societies and contributes to an understanding of women's lives. Knowledge derived from women's studies courses will enable people to analyze current problems that women face in the areas of employment, the family, domestic violence, health and the legal system. Since women comprise more than half of the world's population, an understanding of their experiences, history, needs and abilities is an asset to students considering careers in such fields as education, social service, government, business, law, the ministry, journalism, health occupations and childcare.

Women's Studies courses require college-level reading and writing skills.

All women's studies courses can apply towards the Associate of Arts, Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT) requirements. Women's Studies (WS 101) may be taken for either arts and letters credit, or social science credit.

The Women's Studies Focus Award at PCC prepares students for entry into other Women's Studies Programs at the bachelor's degree level. In Oregon these programs can be found at Portland State University, University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Lewis & Clark College. Additional information on the Women's Studies Focus Award may be found in the Focus Award section of the catalog. See the Course Description (WS prefix) section of this catalog for individual Women's Studies courses and their prerequisites.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

WS 101 Women's Studies 4.00 Surveys and critically analyzes the position of women in society, in terms of present realities and future possibilities. Provides a framework to connect personal experience with contemporary social and political issues. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

WS 201 Women of the World 4.00 Examines the position of women in society from a cross-cultural perspective. Topics include the process of gender enculturation, women's lives in foraging, pastoral and agricultural societies and international issues such as female circumcision, infanticide, child brides and honor/dowry deaths. Recommend: WS 101. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.

WS 202 Women Working for Change: History, Theory and Practice 4.00 Examines how women have worked to empower girls and women and improve the conditions of their lives. Explores ways that feminist theories have shaped the goals and strategies of social change efforts. Offers an in-depth look at selected topic areas, connects analysis and personal experience, and prepares students to become effective change agents. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores. Audit available.