

## 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. Introduction to 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.

**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. Prerequisites: WR 115, RD 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement test scores, and WS 101.

### 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, and WS 101.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES FOCUS AWARD

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Students must complete 12 units of women's studies courses to receive a focus award.

### Required Course

WS	101	Women's Studies	4
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Plus an additional 8 credit hours of Women's Studies courses selected from courses listed below.

### Elective Courses

ART	210	Women in Art
EC	216	Labor Markets: Economics of Gender and Work
ENG	222	Images of Women in Literature
ENG	260	Introduction to Women Writers
HE	212	Women's Health
HST	204	History of Women in the US:

		Pre-colonial to 1877
HST	205	History of Women in the US: 1877-Present
HST	206	History of Women in the US: 1920 to Present
HST	225	History of Women, Sex, and the Family
PSY	231	Human Sexuality
PSY	232	Human Sexuality
SOC	218	Sociology of Gender
SP	237	Gender and Communication
SPA	271A	Readings in Spanish Literature (Women Writers)
WS	201	Women of the World
WS	202	Women Working for Change