

# Women's Studies Program

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Women's studies is an interdisciplinary field of study which questions the traditional attitudes towards women and offers a new understanding of and perspectives on women. The primary objectives of women's studies are:

1. to address past scholarly neglect of material by, for, and about women;
2. to increase and disseminate knowledge of the behaviors, experiences, and contributions of women in society;
3. to examine critically and evaluate the assumptions and theories held about women in society in the traditional disciplines, as well as current interdisciplinary approaches to the study of women;
4. to provide an expanded vision of women's future roles and opportunities and foster an awareness of women's existing abilities and potentials.

## Minor in Women's Studies

*Required Courses (6 hours)*

WMS 200 Introduction to Women's Studies .....	3
WMS 400 Directed Research in Women's Studies.....	3

*Electives (9 hours)*

ENG 129 African American Literature .....	3
ENG 190 Women in Literature.....	3
ENG 331 Studies in Women Writers .....	3
NUR 219 Women and Health.....	3
PSY 300 Psychology of Women.....	3
HIS 304 Women in American History .....	3
HIS 334 Women in Developing Nations.....	3
HIS 339 Women in Global Perspective .....	3
HIS 382 History of Women, Work, Family.....	3
PLS 493 Seminar in Political Theory: Equality, Diversity, and Citizenship.....	3
SOC 300 Cross-cultural Perspectives on Gender .....	3
SOC 310 Sociology of the Family.....	3
SOC 311 Comparative Family Systems .....	3
SOC 313 Race, Ethnicity, and Minority Relations .....	3
SOC 315 Gender and Society .....	3

## Course Descriptions

**WMS 200 Introduction to Women's Studies 3 hrs.**  
(Gen. Ed. CD, SF)

Interdisciplinary course; reexamines traditional approaches to and offers new perspectives on roles, contributions, and identity of women as a group. The female body; sex differences; historical changes in women's roles; women as members of minority, racial, ethnic, and sexual groups; changing economic, political, and social status of women in 20th century American society. Approved for General Education.

**WMS 400 Directed Research in Women's Studies 3 hrs.**

Directed readings or research for a paper which analyzes, synthesizes, and interprets an area of women's studies. Prerequisites: WMS 200; 9 hrs. of women's studies elective courses; or consent of instructor.