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. 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.

WS 101. Women's Studies. 4 Credits.
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 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/ASOT-B, Arts and Letters/AAOT, Social Sciences/AAOT, Arts and Letters/AS, Social Sciences/ASOT-B.

WS 201. Intercultural Women's Studies. 4 Credits.
Examines the position of women in society from a cross-cultural perspective. Includes 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 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/ASOT-B, Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Arts and Letters/AS, Social Sciences/AGS, Social Sciences/AAS.

WS 202. Women, Activism and Social Change. 4 Credits.
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 focuses on how to become an effective change agent. Prerequisites: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available. This course fulfills the following GE requirements: Cultural Literacy, Social Sciences/ASOT-B, Social Sciences/AAOT, Social Sciences/AS, Social Sciences/AGS.