

Women's Studies

Award Type: **Academic Certificate**

Initiating College: **Mesa Community College**

Effective First Year/Term: 2008 Spring

Program Availability: Shared by: MCC, PC (Mor), PVCC

Overall G.P.A.: 2.00

Total Credits: 15

Major Code: **6225**

CIPS Code: 24.01.01

Faculty Initiator: Nancy Hellner

Instructional Council: Operational Deans (72)

Development Date: 1-10-05

District Curriculum Committee Online Agenda Date: 2-22-05 to 2-25-05

MCCCD Governing Board Approval Date: 3-22-05

Description: The Women's Studies program, an intensive interdisciplinary liberal arts certificate program, provides students with tools and opportunities to discuss and critique historical and contemporary theories and practices of feminism(s). The curriculum enables students to write well, think critically and analyze problems effectively. Students complete a variety of courses focusing on women's experiences and perspectives, exploring topics such as history, culture, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender in order to help bring about equality, understanding, and peace. These courses are culturally responsive to the diversity of one half of the world's people, their work, and their impact on multicultural societies.

Program Notes:

Admission Criteria: None

Program Prerequisites: None

Required Courses: Credits: 3

WST100	Women and Society	3
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Restricted Electives: Credits: 12

ASB211	Women in Other Cultures	3
ENH/WST284	19 th Century Women Writers	3
ENH/WST285	Contemporary Women Writers	3
HIS201	History of Women in America	3
HLR/WST286	Women and Health: Body/Mind/Spirit/Connection	3
HUM/WST209	Women and Films	3
+ PSY235	Psychology of Gender Differences (prerequisite)	3
+ PSY258	Domestic Problems and Crises (prerequisite)	3
REL/WST290	Women and Religion	3
SOC212	Gender and Society	3
WST105	Women of Color in America	3
WST110	Women and Gender: A Feminist Psychology	3
WST120	Gender, Class, and Race	3
WST128	Law and Violence Against Women	3
WST160	Women and Early American Experience	3
WST161	American Women Since 1920	3
WST195	Preparation for Social Research in Women's Studies	3
WST200	Essential Feminist Writing	3
WST261	Native Women's Literature: The Americas	3

Free Electives: None

General Education: None

Program Competencies

Identify and explain historical and contemporary issues that have affected women's lives in the areas of family, work, health, and social status, and apply sociological and feminist perspectives to the analysis of these issues. (WST100)