ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE 2016-2017

GENERAL STUDIES WITH EMPHASIS IN WOMEN’S STUDIES

The General Studies with Emphasis in Women’s Studies AA Degree is an interdisciplinary field of study that examines the experiences, concerns, and needs of women from a psychological, historical, social, political, economic and cultural perspective. The courses in the degree critically examine, sex, gender, class, and feminist theory as they relate to women's complex roles in the family, work place, society, and the world. Students analyze how their lives are influenced by personal experience as well as by social, economic and political forces. Each course emphasizes community engagement, social activism and social justice. Students completing this program will satisfy lower division requirements necessary to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree in Women’s Studies, Social Science, Psychology, or other related fields. Students will be required to complete 18 units of Core Courses and 3 units of Electives with a grade of "C" or better in each course. In addition, students are required to complete a total of 40 hours of Service-Learning or Community Service.

Program Learning Outcomes:
- Develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Define, compare and contrast gender, ethnic and age-based stereotypes in society, literature and the media.
- Discuss how past events, concepts and laws have influenced women's consciousness.
- Recognize and identify famous women as role models.
- Compare and contrast images of women in distinct genres of literature.
- Demonstrate the critical understanding of the contemporary structure of opportunities for women in technology.
- Demonstrate solid understanding of how to work effectively with both women and men in all fields of study.
- Demonstrate a sense of cross-cultural awareness, sensitivity, civic and social responsibility and social justice.

Core Courses
EDIT  024   Women in Technology               3.0
ENGL  033*  Women in Literature  3.0
HIST  014*   Women in American History  3.0
PSYCH  025*   Psychology of Women: Global Perspective    3.0
SOC  011  Social Problems  3.0
WMS  010*   Introduction to Women’s Studies  3.0
*Course meets the Ethnic Studies/Cultural Pluralism graduation requirement

Approved Electives
AJ  123  Women and the Criminal Justice System
LIB  015  Electronic Research and the Internet
Psych  026  Violence Against Women: Cross Cultural Perspective
PSYCH  096    Marriage, Family and Intimate Relationships
PSYCH  100  Human Sexuality
SERV  001     Introduction to Community Service-Learning

Service-Learning/Community Service Option (select one)
Option # 1:  40 hours of Service-Learning in core and elective courses
Option # 2:  40 hours of Community Service. Service must directly address the real needs of young girls and or women in the community. Site must be approved and documented by EVC Center for Service Learning and Public Service.

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