

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: REL 255

Credits: 3

Course Title: Selected Problems and Issues in Religion: Women and the Bible

Course Description: Introduces students to the portrayal of women in the Bible. Examines, through selected Biblical texts, the role and depiction of women within this text. Studies the impact of scriptural writing on the role of women in the Western world through the lens of feminist scholars. Students are asked to think critically about the texts and the issues raised by feminist perspectives and to analyze the impact of the Bible on women today and society as a whole. Prerequisites: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in Co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Fulfills Humanities/Fine Arts elective for all AA and AS transfer degrees, as well as provides information to anyone interested in studying women in the Bible.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

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Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify and relate stories of the Bible that deal primarily with women;
- b. Think critically about the Bible and its impact on the role of women in Western society; and
- c. Understand feminist criticism of the Bible and the challenges made by feminist scholars in Biblical studies.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. The portrayal of women in the Old and New Testaments
- b. The role of women in both testament periods
- c. Women and the Roman-Greco World
- d. Feminist criticism

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