

Virginia Community College Course Content Summary

Course Title: HUM 210 - Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

Course Description

Broadens understanding and awareness of women by exploring different cultural, historical, and gendered experiences of social groups throughout the world in relationship to such fields as art, literature, religion, philosophy, social sciences, and music. The assignments in this course require college-level reading, analysis of scholarly studies, and coherent communication through properly cited and formatted written reports. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week. 3 credits

General Course Purpose

HUM 210 is an introductory course that emphasizes the roles of women, the contributions they have made to society in global, historical, and cultural settings, and brings awareness to the understandings of gendered experiences. This course encourages students to consider different perspectives and introduces students to the field of Women and Gender Studies as a potential college major.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

Communication

- Through written, visual and/or oral presentations, describe and construct responses to questions related to Women and Gender Studies.

Critical Thinking

- Discuss and analyze the pros and cons of the various topics and theories associated with Women's and Gender Studies.

Cultural and Social Understanding

- Demonstrate an understanding of Women and Gender issues within global communities and contexts.

Women's and Gender's Studies as an area of study in the humanities

- Articulate and respond to the question, "Why/What is Women's and Gender's Studies?"
- Discover how gender has been socially constructed and maintained through a variety of institutions in both American society and worldwide.

Intersectionality

- Discuss and analyze intersectionality theory and the complexity of group membership and identities, and the matrix of oppression.
- Examine the extent to which gender affects access to opportunity, power, and resources

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Influence of Women

- Examine the impact of women within the cultural and historical contexts of social groups throughout the world by focusing on interdisciplinary topics involving interrelationships among Women in the Humanities and related fields.

Major Topics to be Included

Women's and Gender's Studies as an area of study in the humanities
Intersectionality
Influence of Women