

Please go to www.njtransfer.org to look up your target college and determine the transferability status of the courses you are taking at Bergen. You can also consult with counselors in A-118.

It is recommended that Women's Studies students see the coordinator, or an adviser in A-101 concerning planning the course of study, and attend a "transfer seminar," which is offered each semester.

Career Opportunities

A degree in Women's Studies is increasingly desirable as more and more women enter the workforce, and cultural and business connections become global. The business world seeks candidates with a good understanding of gender roles in addition to good critical thinking and writing skills. WMST graduates have obtained the following positions: social worker, advocate for women's rights, health clinic coordinator, college professor, journalist, nurse, legislative aide, public relations manager, health clinic medical assistant, lawyer, union organizer, rape crisis program director, town manager, casting director, crime victim therapist, plus many more.

Collaborations

- The Women's Studies program supports the Women's History Month committee's March program of events.
- The Women's Studies program co-organizes a student mini-conference in March with the Honors program.
- The Women's Studies program collaborates with the Literary Arts Series.

Contacts

To learn more about the Women's Studies program, please contact the program coordinator,

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WOMEN'S STUDIES
CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Program Description

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary major that examines women's roles and achievements locally and globally. Various perspectives are presented through such courses as Women in History, Sociology of Gender Roles, Women in Literature, and Women and Religion.

Mission Statement

- To provide all participating students with a knowledge of the diverse roles and achievements of women in the U.S. and abroad.
- To provide a rich academic experience to foster intellectual growth of both male and female students.
- To provide students with a deepened understanding of gender roles and their impact on individual lives in preparation for the new, changing economy.

Degree Requirements

To obtain an Associate's Degree in Women's Studies (WMST), students are to meet the general criteria of the Liberal Arts Degree and complete TWO electives in Women's Studies. It is easy to obtain this desirable major because the Women's Studies program offers many enriching courses.



Women's Studies Courses at a Glance

HIS-105 Women in History

This course is a study of women's roles from the classical age to the present. Various past societies are examined to determine their attitudes toward women as well as the causes and consequences of these attitudes. Particular attention is placed on studying women's roles in 19th and 20th century Europe and America.

HIS-116 Women in American History

This course is a survey of the history of women from the colonial period to the present. Feminism, women's suffrage, and the advocacy of social and economic equality are the unifying themes of the course.

LIT-228 Women in Literature

This course is a study of representative works by women writers in a variety of forms. The course provides a literary, historical, and sociological context for the study of this literature. Students read works by such authors as Julian of Norwich, Emily Dickinson, Kate Chopin, Virginia Woolf, Buchi Emecheta, Toni Morrison, and Amy Tan.

PHR-122 Women and Religion

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PSY-207 Psychology of Women

This course is an in-depth examination of the psychology of women. The course analyzes the interplay of biological and cultural factors as they affect gender roles. "Typical" female behaviors are examined and assessed in terms of these factors in an attempt to understand the bases of social similarities as well as differences.

SOC-120 Sociology of Gender Roles

This course is a study of the changing roles of men and women in contemporary society. Topics of discussion covered include the biological bases for differentiation in gender roles, male and female roles in a cross-cultural perspective, changing expectations for men and women in work and sports, the sexual revolution, and the consequences of gender role change.

SOC-121 Changing Roles of Women

This course is an introductory, interdisciplinary study of the changing roles of women today. Topics of discussion include women's roles in a cross-cultural and

historical perspective, the influence of biology, sexuality, and psychology on the roles of women, women in the work force, women as portrayed in literature, the impact of religious beliefs on women, women's changing family roles, and traditional and present-day feminism.

All Women's Studies courses can be taken simply as part of the General Education curriculum and/or to fulfill the diversity requirement by all Bergen students.

