

North Central **Michigan College**

NCMC CURRICULUM/COURSE OUTLINE FOR YEARS: 2001-2003

DIVISION/AREA: Sociology

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences

AREA DEAN: Dykstra

ORIGINATOR: Finlayson

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture: 3 Lab: Total Contact Hours: 48

COURSE NUMBER: SOC 110

CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY: none

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A multidisciplinary and multicultural introduction to women's studies. This course examines the evolving role of women in society as well as the contemporary and historical status of women. Topics discussed include the sociocultural construction of gender and the influence of gender in various aspects of modern social institutions and everyday life. Emphasis is on American society, but a cross-cultural perspective is provided.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES OR OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Think critically and analytically; write and speak effectively; independently acquire knowledge.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

1. Understand what feminist analysis is and how it differs from other study
2. Understand and integrate the historical and the theoretical context of society and the individual as it applied to the study of women and gender in society
3. Understand and provide examples of issues of social diversity and sex/gender systems
4. Understand and describe the normative power of social institutions and its impact on gender
5. Understand and recognize some of the types of problems, decisions, and experiences most women face in their adult lives and the impact of personal control and societal pressure
6. Understand feminism as a social movement and generate strategies for social change

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture, Discussion, Small Group Work

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METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Class presentations
Weekly Journal evaluation
Current Event critical thinking exercise
Team teaching
Take home final exam

REQUIRED TEXTS: (Representative List)

Sapiro, Virginia

1. *Women in American Society: An Introduction to Women's Studies.*
Third Edition. Mayfield Publishing Company, Mountain View, CA.

Ward, Martha C.

1995 *A World Full of Women.* Allyn and Bacon, Needham Heights, MA.

Optional supplementary Materials:

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week 1: Women's Studies: An Introduction
Week 2: How did Society get this way?
Week 3: How did Individuals get this way?
Week 4: Commonality and Difference among Women
Week 5: Education: learning to be Male and Female
Week 6: Normal Gender: Health, Fitness, and Beauty
Week 7: Women and Religion
Week 8: Gender and the Institutional Media of Communication
Week 9: Law and Policy, Government, and the State
Week 10: Gender, Communication, and Self-Expression
Week 11: Personal and Sexual Relationships
Week 12: Reproduction, Parenthood, and Child Care
Week 13: Work, Employment, and the Economics of Gender
Week 14: Class Presentations
Week 15: Class Presentations
Week 16: Final Exam

APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY THE CRD/AP COMMITTEE ON _____