

Women's Studies (WS)

WS 151: Introduction to Women's Studies

An interdisciplinary introductory course which looks at the gender roles and relationships between women and men and among women, historically and in contemporary societies. Examines the social, cultural, historical and political influences on the status of women. Presents women's experiences from diverse backgrounds, social structures, and cultures. (Leeward CC offers PSY 202, Psychology of Gender, which is cross-listed as Women Studies 202 at UH Mānoa.)

Credits: 3

Recommended Prep: ENG 22 with a grade of C or better or equivalent.

WS 200: Culture, Gender and Appearance

This course explores the social construction of gender within culture and its visual expression through appearance. An analysis of role, identity, conformity, and deviance in human appearance is emphasized.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: ENG 22 or ENG 24 or ENG 24C with a grade of C or better

WS 202: Psychology of Gender

Survey of topics relevant to gender and its impact on the lives of women and men: socialization of gender, mental health, racial identity, majority-minority status, sexual orientation, life-span issues and violence. Cross-listed as PSY 202. (A student cannot earn credit for both WS 202 and PSY 202.)

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: PSY 100 or WS 151 with a grade of C or better.

WS 256: Dynamics of Family Violence & Sexual Assault

This course is designed to encourage the development of knowledge, skills, and the sensitivity necessary for engaging individuals and families affected by sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and non-familial violence. Course content focuses on the victimization of children, adults, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations. The course examines various influences that may encourage perpetrators and socio-cultural beliefs and behaviors that propagate sexual and physical violence, the historical responses, as well as a review of relevant state and federal laws. Victim, survivor, and perpetrator dynamics, current trends, intervention strategies, and community resources are identified. Learners have an opportunity to explore their own values and feelings in relation to a difficult subject matter.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Placement in ENG 100 or equivalent or Instructor consent

WS 290V: Topics in Women's Studies

A selection of various topics in Women's Studies utilizing perspectives and data from many disciplines. Each topic examines the issues involved in sexism and sex role differentiation by focusing on women's positions, contributions, concerns and problems. This course may be taken for a maximum of 2 times and for a maximum of 6 credits.

Credits: 3 - 6

Prerequisites: At least one Social Science course at 100-level or higher with a grade of C or better.

Recommended Prep: WS 151 and/or an introductory-level course in a contributing discipline area for the selected 290 topic courses.