

# WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Program Description

The Women's Studies major offers both male and female students opportunities to study the experiences, history, contributions, and cultural images of women domestically and internationally, with a strong emphasis on global understanding and multicultural contributions. Courses from a variety of traditional disciplines, including sociology, history, psychology, communication, and art, are included within the major.

Learn more about the program from the [Women's Studies website](#).

## Program Learning Outcomes

- The student will be able to identify connections between specific people, groups, events, and ideas, and larger sociological, psychological, historical, and gender studies specific themes, developments, and topics.
- The student will be able to critically analyze a variety of primary and secondary sources and draw valid sociological, psychological, historical, and gender studies interpretations from them.

## Career Opportunities

A major in women's studies provides students with a unique contextual validation for today's woman, and prepares students who wish to enter fields such as law, medicine, and business. The major also allows students to pursue careers in health, teaching, government, counseling, and community work. Through the women's studies major, students will gain knowledge regarding women's issues and will therefore be better prepared to work with both the general and the female population in a variety of areas.

## Award Type(s)

- AA = Associate in Arts Degree

## Units Required

- Major: 32

## Additional Information

**Note:** Students having difficulty attaining an associate degree because of timing or availability of classes should consult with a counselor to submit a petition for course substitution.

## Associate Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>English Proficiency</b>		
Select one of the following:		
ENGL 1A	COMPOSITION & READING	5
ENGL 1AH	HONORS COMPOSITION & READING	5
ESLL 26	ADVANCED COMPOSITION & READING	5
or equivalent		
<b>Ethnic Studies</b>		
Any course in the ETHN (Ethnic Studies) subject code, currently approved for Area F of CSU GE and Area 7 of IGETC		
<b>Mathematics Proficiency</b>		

College-level math course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra

A minimum of 90 units is required<sup>1</sup> to include:

- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: Foothill General Education, CSU General Education Breadth Requirements or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)
- Core courses (16 units)
- Support courses (16 units)

<sup>1</sup> Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 90-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

**Note:** All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. In addition, a grade of "C" or better is required for all core and support courses used for the degree.

## Core and Support Courses

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
SOC 28	SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER	4
WMN 5	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES	4
WMN 11	WOMEN IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	4
WMN 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES	4
or PSYC 21	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN: SEX & GENDER DIFFERENCES	
<b>Support Courses</b>		
Select 16 units from the following:		16
COMM 10	GENDER, COMMUNICATION & CULTURE	
KINS 10	WOMEN IN SPORTS	
MDIA 8B	WOMEN IN FILM	
PSYC 14	CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 22	PSYCHOLOGY OF PREJUDICE & DISCRIMINATION	
SOC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
or PSYC 30	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 40	ASPECTS OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY	
SOSC 20	CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES FOR A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY	
WMN 70R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	
WMN 71R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	
WMN 72R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	
WMN 73R	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN WOMEN'S STUDIES	
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>32</b>