Women's Studies Certificate Program

Mission

The mission of the Women's Studies Certificate Program is to provide a multidisciplinary consideration of women's lives and to uncover aspects of the human experience that have hitherto been ignored, neglected and overlooked. The program provides both female and male students the opportunity to explore issues related to women and gender across a variety of disciplines and cultures. The program attempts to eliminate gender discrimination in academics by examining cultural assumptions about women, the validity of research on women, and the impacts of various political, economic and social systems on women.

Learning Goals

1. Students receiving a WS certificate will be expected to understand how females and males are affected by cultural definitions of gender roles including the role of communication through 'gendered discourse'.

2. Students receiving a WS certificate will be expected to study and reflect on the underlying assumptions of historical, literary and/or health models of women and how they have affected women cross-culturally.

3. Students receiving a WS certificate will be expected to understand how discrimination, stereotyping and prejudice affect people's expectations of themselves and others in their careers and everyday lives.

4. Students receiving a WS certificate will be expected to examine the role women have played in the humanities, the natural and social sciences and/or business across a variety of cultures and will be provided a number of female role models.

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