A Course of Study for

Women’s Studies A.A. Degree

The Women’s Studies area of emphasis studies the history, sociology and politics of women in society. The area of emphasis examines the oppression of women throughout history, and also the ways in which women have taken power over their lives. Students will better understand the impact of women and gender on various cultures at various times and evaluate changing social patterns and the effects of institutions and cultural assumptions. The Women's Studies area of emphasis can lead to a variety of careers including a community organizer, political lobbyist and political strategist. This degree may also prepare the student for further study at the baccalaureate level.

This area of emphasis may also lead to many other careers. For additional possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE - 60 UNITS
The Associate in Arts degree in Women’s Studies involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher including at least 24 semester units in the Women's Studies area of emphasis (articulated below), fulfillment of the Global Citizenship requirement, and fulfillment of all Santa Monica College general education requirements, CSU GE or IGETC.

*Students must complete the area of emphasis (major) requirements in effect at the time enrollment begins or the requirements in effect at graduation as long as continuous enrollment is maintained.

*Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in each Fall and Spring semester until graduation.

At least 50% of the area of emphasis (major) units must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Each course in the area of emphasis (major) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

WOMEN'S STUDIES (24 units)

CATEGORY 1: Required Core Courses (3 units)
Women's Studies 10, Introduction to Women’s Studies (3)

CATEGORY 2: RELATED DISCIPLINES (18 units)
Minimum of one course from each of the following areas (plus two additional courses from any area):

**Area 1:** (minimum of 3 units)
- Women's Studies 20, Women, Feminisms, and Social Movements: A Global Approach (3)
- Women’s Studies 30, Women and Popular Culture (3)

**Area 2:** (minimum of 3 units)
- Anthropology 14, Sex, Gender and Culture (3)
- History 52, Women and American Culture (3)
- Sociology 33, Sociology of Sex and Gender (3)

**Area 3:** (minimum of 3 units)
- Anthropology 2, Cultural Anthropology (3)
- Psychology 25, Human Sexuality (3)
- Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)
- Sociology 12, Sociology of the Family (3)

**Area 4:** (minimum of 3 units)
- Communications 10, Journalism, Gender and Race (3)
- English 39, Images of Women in Literature (3)
- Film Studies 6, Women in Film (3) (formerly Cinema 8)
- Music 35, Women in Music (3)
- Speech 7, Inter-Cultural Communications (3)

CATEGORY 3: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM (3 units)
Women's Studies 8, Women's Studies Leadership Practicum (3 units)

Additional graduation requirements for the Associate in Arts degree from Santa Monica College are listed on a separate sheet available in the Transfer/Counseling Center, as well as online (go to www.smc.edu/articulation).