A Course of Study for

WOMEN’S STUDIES

The Women’s, Gender and Sexuality 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, Gender and Sexuality 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.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Women’s Studies Associate Degree (24 units)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of 60 degree applicable semester units, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student’s continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.
# WOMEN'S STUDIES, ASSOCIATE DEGREE

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate through oral and written work a familiarity with the basic principles from the field of women's, gender and sexuality studies and feminist theories and be prepared to pursue further study at the baccalaureate level. In addition students will be proficient in the research, analytical, and communication skills necessary to present an analysis of the challenges facing women in the world today and the proposed solutions to these challenges.

## AREA OF EMPHASIS: (24 UNITS)

### Required Core Courses: (6 units)
- **WGS 10**, Introduction to Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (3) *(formerly WOM ST 10)*
- **WGS 80**, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Leadership Practicum (3) *(formerly WOM ST 8 and 80)*

### Related Disciplines: (18 units)
Minimum of 1 course from each of the following 4 areas, plus 2 additional courses from any area:

#### AREA 1: (minimum 3 units)
- **WGS 20**, Gender, Feminisms, and Social Movements: A Global Approach (3) *(formerly WOM ST 20)*
- **WGS 30**, Women, Gender and Sexuality in Popular Culture (3) *(formerly WOM ST 30)*

#### AREA 2: (minimum 3 units)
- **ANTHRO 14**, Sex, Gender and Culture (3)
- **COM ST 36**, Gender and Communication (3)
- **HIST 52**, The History of Women in American Culture (3)
- **SOCIOL 33**, Sociology of Sex and Gender (3)

#### AREA 3: (minimum 3 units)
- **ANTHRO 2**, Cultural Anthropology (3)
- **PSYCH 25**, Human Sexuality (3)
- **SOCIOL 1**, Introduction to Sociology (3)
- **SOCIOL 12**, Sociology of the Family (3)

#### AREA 4: (minimum 3 units)
- **COM ST 37**, Intercultural Communication (3)
- **ENGL 39**, Images of Women in Literature (3)
- **FILM 6**, Women in Film (3)
- **MEDIA 10**, Media, Gender and Race (3)