

**Course Code:** HIS 203

**Course Title:** The History of Women in America

**Department:** Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

**Effective Date:** Summer 2026

**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

**CIP Code:** 54.9996

**Repeatability:** 0

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## Credit Hours

**Catalog Notation:** 3-0-3

**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

**Total: 3**

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## General Course Information

### Catalog Description

A multicultural survey of the roles, experiences, and problems of American women from the colonial period to the present. The images of womanhood, the Victorian woman, women at work and war, suffrage movement, and modern feminism.

### General Course Objectives

To provide students an introduction to the history of women in the United States from pre-European contact to the present from a multicultural perspective.

### Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	None

### Prerequisites

None

### Methods of Evaluation

Students take a midterm and a final exam; both are mixed objective-essay exams. Students are required to complete a reading and writing assignment which is usually a 2,000 word research paper which makes use of both primary and secondary sources.

### Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Through Women's Eyes, Authors: Ellen Carol DuBois and Lynn Dumenil. 978-1319104931

## Course Content

### General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

### Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
American Women: Ideal and Reality	1. Describe the traditional roles of women.	3	0	0
Early America: Good Wives, Witches, Native American Women	1. Define and explain witchcraft, folk medicine, matriarchy, feminism, the Victorian ideal of womanhood, women under the English Common Law, and economic determinants of women's role in the family.	6	0	0
Women in the Revolution	1. Summarize the roles that African American, Hispanic, Asian American, white and Native American women have played in past events.	3	0	0
The Origins of Feminism: 1830-1865	1. Examine the works of major feminist thinkers.	3	0	0
Women Workers in the Early Nineteenth Century	1. Demonstrate traditional research skills in the area of women's history.	3	0	0
Women in the Civil War: Women as Healers	1. Demonstrate the ability to conduct oral history interviews to gather knowledge about women's experience.	3	0	0
Victorian Women's World	1. Analyze films, written material, art, and advertising about women.	3	0	0
Nineteenth Century Gynecology and Health	1. Identify the contrast between women's needs and standard medical practice of the nineteenth century.	3	0	0
Women at Work: Women in the Labor Movement and Prostitution	1. Summarize the different roles played by women in the labor force.	3	0	0
The Suffrage Movement	1. Evaluate the effectiveness of different strategies used in the Suffrage movement.	3	0	0
Radical Women: Margaret Sanger, Emma Goldman, Charlotte Gilman	1. Distinguish between the work of different radical feminist reformers.	3	0	0
Women after Suffrage	1. Explain the political and social changes that came to women after suffrage, including the response of women to Prohibition and the new freedoms they enjoyed and the challenges they faced in the interwar era.	3	0	0

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The New Feminism	1. Assess the influence earlier generations of reformers had on the development of the New Feminism under women like Betty Friedan.	3	0	0
Women and Feminism in the Late Twentieth Century	1. Examine trends in the modern feminist movement and the response of traditionalists.	3	0	0

**Total Contact Hours**

<b>Lecture Hours</b>	<b>Lab Hours</b>	<b>Clinical Hours</b>
45	0	0