

Course Outline
HIST 220/WMST 220
The American Woman
3 Credit Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

The American Woman

Provides an in-depth study of the lives and experiences of the American woman from the 17th century to the present.

Prerequisite: HIST 111 or HIST 112, or WMST 101, or consent of the instructor

Overall Course Objectives (list only those objectives that will be common to all sections of the course)

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Analyze and think clearly about the nature and effects of gender differentiation in modern American history;
2. Assess the contributions of women to building this nation;
3. Compare and contrast gender roles of men and women of different classes, races, sexual orientations, and national origins, and their impact on American history;
4. Demonstrate an awareness of the contributions of women who are racial or ethnic minorities in America;
5. Discuss the historical forces that have shaped the sexual division of labor between men and women in America;
6. Identify some of the key events in women's struggle for equality;
7. Recognize the uses of feminism as an analytic tool for understanding American history;
8. Recognize some of the contributions of American women to the rest of the world;
9. Identify issues (both public and private) that have historically been important to women in general and American women, in particular.
10. Analyze public policy issues that have historically been important to women;
11. Demonstrate effective oral, written and critical thinking skills as they relate to the subject of the course;
12. Utilize information from the Internet in oral and written communication.

Major Topics

1. Women in Colonial America.
2. Women in antebellum America
3. Lives and experiences of native Americans, African Americans and women of other ethnic origins.
4. The history of race relations among women in the USA.
5. Perspective and contributions of the Progressives.
6. Impact of urbanization industrialization and globalization.
7. Abolition and suffrage
8. The two world wars
9. The Great Depression
10. The Civil Rights Movement
11. The Women's Rights Movement
12. Feminism
13. The contemporary woman

Course Requirements (List only those requirements that will be common to all sections of the course)

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. A mid-term and final exam, paper or project
2. Significant class participation
3. An oral report or presentation
4. At least one assignment utilizing the Internet

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments.

Other Course Information

This course is an elective that is part of the Women Studies Program.

This course is cross-listed with WMST 220.