

## **WMST 220**

### **The American Woman**

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County  
Common Course Outline

#### **Description**

**WMST 220 – The American Woman:** Provides an in-dept study of the lives and experiences of the American woman from the 17th century to the present.

**Pre-requisites: HIST 111 or HIST 112 or WMST 101 or consent of the instructor**

#### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students 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 struggles 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 in 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; and
12. Utilize information from the internet in oral and written communication.

#### **Major Topics**

- I. Women in Colonial America
- II. Women in antebellum America
- III. Lives and experiences of native Americans, African Americans, and women of other ethnic origins
- IV. The history of race relations among women in the USA
- V. Perspective and contributions of the Progressives
- VI. Impact of urbanization, industrialization, and globalization
- VII. Abolition and suffrage

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- VIII. The two world wars
- IX. The Great Depression
- X. The Civil Rights Movement
- XI. The Women's Rights Movement
- XII. Feminism
- XIII. The contemporary woman

### **Course Requirements**

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

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

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

### **Other Course Information**

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

This course is cross listed with HIST 220

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