Program Description
The Women’s and Gender Studies Certificate provides a solid foundation of coursework in the discipline. It provides students with the opportunity to specialize in Women's Studies in preparation for further work at a four-year institution, or for professional, personal and academic opportunities. Students in the Certificate program must complete a minimum of 18 credits in Women’s Studies-designated courses: WMST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies (3 credits) and 15 additional credits, including a Social Sciences course, a Humanities course, and an elective.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a systematic knowledge of the history of women's movements and of multidisciplinary scholarship about women and gender.
- Describe how the application of a new "Women's Studies" gender lens has challenged traditional historical, cultural, and epistemological assumptions.
- Evaluate women's political, intellectual and cultural contributions in various realms (including literature, the visual arts, and music) on local, national and global levels.
- Form judgments about the structure and causes of women's roles in history from a global perspective.
- Assess theoretical approaches to gender studies as they are applied in various disciplines and theoretical "schools."
- Analyze the ways that systems of dominance, such as sexism and racism, have functioned, have changed, and how they continue to change.
- Explain why gender difference is fundamental to the construction of identity and the organization of human relations.
- Connect ideas across disciplines, compare theories with experiences, and contrast different academic, psychological, and social perspectives on gender.
- Recognize how an awareness of women's issues, women's history, and women's roles in society may positively affect the futures of transfer/graduate students (in all disciplines) and as professionals (in all professions).
- Form judgments about the significance of gender diversity and gender equity in local, national, and global arenas.

This program is not approved for federal or state student financial aid.
**Program Requirements**
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

**Program Requirements Additional Courses**
- ENGL 208 - Women in Literature 3 semester hours
- HLTH 215 - Women's Health 3 semester hours
- HIST 228 - Women in the Western World 3 semester hours
- HIST 112 - Women in World History 3 semester hours
- MGMT 235 - Managing Diversity in the Workplace 3 semester hours
- PHED 156 - Self-Defense for Women 2 semester hours
- PHED 163 - Weight Training Designs for Women 1 semester hour
- PHIL 212 - Women in Philosophy I 3 semester hours
- PHIL 218 - Women in Philosophy II 3 semester hours
- PSYC 207 - Psychology of Women 3 semester hours
- SOCY 211 - Introduction to Community Fieldwork 3 semester hours
- SOCY 110 - Families in Crisis 3 semester hours
- SOCY 208 - Sociology of Gender 3 semester hours
- SOCY 214 - Sociology of the Family 3 semester hours
- SOCY 233 - Race and Ethnic Relations 3 semester hours
- WMST Elective 3 semester hours
- WMST 101 - Introduction to Women's Studies 3 semester hours

**Total Credit Hours: 18**
The Women's Studies Program also offers an array of Honors courses and Honors modules for qualified students. Women's Studies internships with local agencies and county offices are also available to Honors students.