Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code
HUMN

Course Number
2003

Course Title
Introduction to Gender Studies

Catalog Description
Introduction to Gender Studies will explore cultural constructions of gender and sexuality using a variety of media, including, but not limited to, literature, film, and architecture.

Prerequisites
ENGL 1013 or 1013A with a C or better; or by permission of instructor

Credit Hours
3 credit hours

Contact Hours
45 lecture contact hours

Load Hours
3 load hours

Semester Offered
Spring

ACTS Equivalent
N/A

Grade Mode
A-F

Learning Outcomes
Students completing this course will:
- Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the field of gender, race, class, and sexuality.
- Utilize a range of interdisciplinary tools and methods for understanding and analyzing gender, race, class, and sexuality in culture.

- Cultivate a language framework for thoughtfully articulating the critical vocabulary in the field of gender, race, class, and sexuality.
- Improve reading and writing skills through effective synthesis of written material, and subsequently, the ability to convey course concepts in a concise and clear manner both verbally and in writing.

General Education Outcomes Supported
- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

Standard Practices
Topics List
- Gender
- Sex
- Sexuality
- Race
- Class

Learning Activities
- In-class writing
- Discussions of assigned texts (book/video/music/etc.)
- Proposals/Papers
- Field Trips
- Group work

Assessments
- Journals/Notes
- Project proposal
- Global Gender Project (paper or poster)
- Participation in class discussions

Grading guidelines
- Regularly updated Canvas gradebook
- Rubrics & timely written (with optional audio/video) feedback

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