



Course Description

AMH2090 | History of Women in the United States | 3.00 credits

This course will explore the history of women from precolonial times to the present, by examining how gender roles, class, and ethnicity defined women's experiences in the social, political, and economic contexts. It will also analyze how women shaped and contributed to historical events and movements within the United States.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how contact and colonization affected the dynamics of gender by:

1. Discussing how European, Indian and slave women fit into colonial European society
2. Analyzing the effects of the introduction of Christianity on native societies
3. Describing the roles and duties of women in colonial American society

Competency 2: the student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the impact of eighteenth-century revolutions and westward settlement by:

1. Discussing the changes brought about by the enlightenment and the industrial revolution on the lives and status of women
2. Discussing how the demands of frontier life redefined women's roles
3. Describing how women were instrumental in forging relations between native groups and white Americans and how gender dynamics among natives shifted as a result

Competency 3: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of women's impact on nineteenth-century reform movements and the Civil War by:

1. Discuss the shifts and opportunities that the second great awakening created for women
2. Analyzing the role of female suffragists in the abolitionist movement
3. Examining the effects of the civil war on women and their contributions, both on and off the battlefield

Competency 4: the student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the transitions shaping women's lives during the eras of reconstruction, the Gilded Age, and frontier settlement by:

1. Recognizing the social and economic effects of the civil war on African American and white women in rural and industrial areas
2. Discussing the challenges and contributions of women in the western frontier and mining communities
3. Describing the impact of late nineteenth-century frontier settlement on native American women

Competency 5: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of women's contributions during the progressive era and World War I by:

1. Analyzing the development of women's organized labor
2. Examining the persistence and success of the women's suffrage movement and other movements for social reform
3. Identifying the experiences and contributions of women during world war I

Competency 6: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the effects of the great depression and World War II on women by:

1. Recognizing the effects of the great depression on marriage, family life, and the dynamics of providing for a household
2. Discussing the impact of the great depression, new deal, and World War II on women
3. Examining women's wartime contributions both on the home front and within the armed forces

Competency 7: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the shifts brought about in women's lives during the Cold War, civil rights, and liberation eras by:

1. Comparing the dynamics of cold war domesticity among women of different ethnic and racial backgrounds
2. Discussing the issue of gender within the post-World War II labor and civil rights movements
3. Describing the impact of feminism on women's educational, professional, and family life

Competency 8: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how the new right, the new millennium, and recent trends in feminism have shaped and redefined women's roles by:

1. Examining the effects of the stop era and pro-family movement
2. Contrasting current gender dynamics among native-born and immigrant families
3. Describing the causes and effects of current issues in gender equality within a global context

Learning Outcomes:

- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information