Liberal Arts Option: Gender and Women’s Studies (LGW)

Satisfies MassTransfer General Education Foundation

The Liberal Arts option described below is one focused way to complete the Liberal Arts degree at GCC. By taking courses listed in this specific option, students complete courses that will help develop 100 and 200 course level knowledge and skills in a particular field. Students are advised to work closely with their GCC advisor to select the specific courses that will help meet their specific career or transfer goals. (Note: Students who complete this option will graduate with a diploma that reads “Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts”)

THE DEGREE  |  Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts

THE OPTION  |  Offers an opportunity to understand various academic disciplines through the material, social, and cultural experiences of women and through the concept and context of gender as it applies to the sexes and frames the way we make sense of the world. The program provides a focus for students interested in gender and women’s studies within the framework of the traditional skills and content of a liberal arts education.

YOUR NEXT STEP  |  Transfer to a Baccalaureate program in any liberal arts discipline, women’s studies, gender studies, queer studies, interdisciplinary studies, or related fields.

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TOTAL CREDITS: 60-62

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

English Composition/Writing
ENG 101 English Composition I 3
ENG 112, 114, or 116 English Composition II 3

Behavioral and Social Sciences
Any two courses from this list: ECO 101 or ECO 102, SOC 101 or SOC 106, ANT 104, EVS 101, POL 101, or PSY 101 6
One additional 3-credit 200-level course coded: ANT, ECO, EVS, POL, PSY, or SOC 3

Humanities and Fine Arts
One of the following: ENG 228 Queer Literature, ENG 247 Women in Literature I, or ENG 248 Women in Literature II 3
One course coded HIS 3
One 3- or 4-credit course from the list of Humanities and Fine Arts General Education Electives in the Catalog 3-4
PCS 101 or 114 3

Natural or Physical Science
Any two 4-credit courses coded: BIO, CHE, GEO, PHY, SCI or EGR 105 8

Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning
Any course coded MAT other than a developmental course (see page 34), and other than MAT 105 and MAT 106 3-4

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

GWS 115 Introduction to Gender and Women’s Studies 3

OPTION ELECTIVES
Any four courses from the Gender and Women’s Studies Electives list not used to meet other requirements 12

OPEN ELECTIVES
Any courses other than a developmental course (see page 34) 7

GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ELECTIVES

ENG 228 Queer Literature 3  
ENG 247 Women in Literature I 3  
ENG 248 Women in Literature II 3  
ENG 256 Modern Global Literature 3  
EVS 121 Gender and the Environment 3  
HIS 131 Women in American History 3  
HIS 218 Women and Gender in the American West to 1920 CE 3

PSY 225 Psychology of Women and Gender 3  
SOC 206 Social Inequality 3  
SOC 203 Sociology of the Family 3  
SOC 206 Sociology of Human Sexuality: Behaviors, Experiences, and Identities 3  
SOC 208 Sociology of Gender 3

To plan degree completion, see the course descriptions in the catalog or at http://www.gcc.mass.edu/academics/catalog/classes which specify the planned semester(s) in which the course is to be scheduled.

① See pages 45-46 for the specific requirements of the MassTransfer General Education Foundation.
② Recommended: PSY 225, SOC 203, SOC 206, or SOC 208.
③ Recommended: HIS 131 or HIS 218.
④ Please note that transfer to many four year colleges and universities may require the completion of four sequential semesters of World Languages. Transfer specialists recommend using electives to start language requirements at the community college, prior to transfer.
⑤ Courses are offered online periodically.