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General Syllabus

HIST 4213 Perspectives of Women in World History

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Effective Catalog: 2019-20

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An examination of the condition of women in history with emphasis on problems in world history; attitudes toward women as reflected in religious, legal, and philosophical literature; and the role of expectations of women in various societies.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to

1. Describe women's roles in ideological transformations in Eurasia from 1500-1750.
2. Summarize and explain women's roles in the exploration and exploitation of the Atlantic World, 1492-1750.
3. Analyze the different roles that women performed during the process of Industrialization, 1780-1930.
4. Formulate conclusions about women's roles during Imperialism, 1830-1930.
5. Explain how women lived under totalitarianism during the twentieth century.
6. Support explanations of how the Cold War impacted different women's lives.
7. Compare and contrast the differences in women's lives in colonial and postcolonial societies.
8. Debate issues related to feminism, neo-feminism, and anti-feminism in a global context.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively in written formats and verbally with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Differences between sex and gender, and matriarchy and patriarchy and how these concepts shaped realities for women around the world through time and across cultures.
- B. Women's roles in the course of the following world events:
 - 1. The creation of the Atlantic World in the wake of Columbus' historic voyage in 1492.
 - 2. The increasing state centralization in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.
 - 3. The emergence of social and political movements in response to industrialization and the cross-cultural exchange it fostered in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
 - 4. Nationalism and Imperialism during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
 - 5. The emergence of highly centralized, especially totalitarian, governments in the first half of the twentieth century.
 - 6. The emergence of Second-wave Feminism in the context of decolonization, the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union, and increasing globalization.
 - 7. The political and social implications of women's intellectual and artistic achievements in the last half of the twentieth century