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1. **Course Number:** HIS215
Course Title: Women in United States History
2. **Description:** This course is a survey of the roles and status of women in American society from colonial times to the present. The contributions of women to the development of the United States are examined with particular emphasis upon multiculturalism, legal status, economic opportunities, reproduction and family life.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - identify and interpret the major events relevant to women and significant women in United States history
 - review and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources
 - compare through reading, critical discussion and argument the experiences and perspectives of women in the United States based upon their diversity: race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, religion, and geography
 - evaluate the history of bias and discrimination against women, and the notable attempts and achievements to overcome this discrimination including the women's rights movement
 - utilize maps and identify locations relevant to the course content outline
 - assess the basic research methods in the construction of history identifying the bias that may develop and be exposed in the historical process, and assess the use of evidence
 - collect primary and secondary scholarly data to synthesize and construct a substantive research project
4. **Credits:** Three credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Science
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL101 (English Composition I) and a 100-level history course
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Spring
8. **Suggested General Statement of Evaluation:** Assessment is based upon examinations, written assignments including research, class participation, and attendance.
9. **Content Outline of Course (Optional):**
 - Definitions necessary to study women (gender, sex, race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation)
 - The Impact of Christianity
 - Indigenous Women
 - European Women in Colonial America including Witchcraft
 - Women in the 18th Century including the roles in and effects of the American Revolution
 - Women in Slavery and Industry
 - 19th Century Politics and Reform
 - Women in the Civil war and Reconstruction
 - Women in the West
 - Women's Work and Immigration at the dawn of the 20th Century
 - Politics, Reform, and Suffrage in the Progressive Era
 - 20th Century Sexuality and Marriage
 - The Great Depression and impact of WWII
 - Post-War Ideals and Realities
 - Women in Modern America including the Women's Rights Movement