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1. Course Number: HIS228

Course Title: Women in European History

2. Description: This course explores women's real and perceived roles and status in society from Ancient Greece to modern times. The course focuses on women's roles in the development of European history. Students explore how history has impacted the lives of women of different social and cultural groups and how women have impacted history.

3. Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to the following:

- identify and describe the roles women played in key events and trends in European history
- review and evaluate primary and secondary historical sources
- compare through reading, critical discussion and argument the experiences and perspectives of women in Europe based upon their diversity: race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, religious diversity, and geography
- evaluate the history of legal and social bias and discrimination against women, and the notable attempts and achievements to overcome this discrimination including the exclusion of women and expansion of women's roles from the private into the public sphere
- 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
- utilize maps and identify locations relevant to the course content outline

4. Credits: Three credits

5. Satisfies General Education Requirement: Behavioral and Social Sciences

6. Prerequisite: ENL101 (English Composition I) and a 100-level history course

7. Semester(s) Offered: Fall

8. Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation: Grades are based upon examinations, written assignments including research, class participation, and attendance.

9. General Topical Outline (Optional):

- Pre-History
- Women in Ancient Greece and Rome
- Christianity
- Early Medieval Women
- The Feudal Age
- Women and the Renaissance
- Early Modern Women
- Religion, Witchcraft, and the Reformation
- Pre-Industrial Women
- Marriage and Family
- Women Rulers
- Women and Revolution
- The Rise of Capitalism and the Industrial Revolution
- 19th Century Reforms
- Socialism, Feminism, and Suffrage
- The Effects of War on 20th Century Women
- Modern Women