

NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIS 126 - WOMEN IN WORLD HISTORY (3 CR.)

**Course Description**

Studies the role of women and attitudes toward women from ancient times to the present. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

Introduces students to the diverse roles played by women throughout history.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

No prerequisites. Average reading ability.

**Course Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the cultural and diverse roles played by women in the advancement of civilization
- Identify fundamental sources of information about the history of women
- Describe and explain the status of women in society
- Survey and discuss changing attitudes towards women
- Examine recent research in women's history
- Examine the achievements of many individual women in history

**Major Topics to be Included**

- Historiography of women's history
- Women in prehistoric societies
- Women in the ancient world
- The role of women in the major civilizations with a stress on Western Civilization
- Women and religion
- Women and slavery
- Women and major socio-economic forces
- Women and politics
- Women's suffrage
- The rise of feminism
- Women in the modern world