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### WOMEN'S STUDIES

#### **WS 202 Psychology of Women (3) KCC AA/DS**

*3 hours lecture per week*

*Prerequisite(s): PSY 100; qualification for ENG 100; qualification for MATH 24.*

*Comment: WS 202 is cross-listed as PSY 202.*

WS 202 is a survey of contemporary theoretical and research issues relevant to the psychological development and functioning of women. Topics covered in WS 202 include the following: gender differences in biology, personality, behavior and development. Multicultural perspectives are emphasized.

Upon successful completion of WS 202, the student should be able to:

- Describe the nature of psychology of women as a discipline.
- Compare and contrast the major perspectives of psychology—behavioral, biological, cognitive, evolutionary, humanistic, psychodynamic, and sociocultural—so as to demonstrate how these perspectives relate to the psychology of women.
- Identify overarching themes and persistent questions in psychology of women, by focusing on theoretical perspectives regarding the development of functioning of women, as well as by demonstrating knowledge regarding contemporary psychological

- research on gender differences in biology, personality, behavior, and development.
- Use critical thinking to analyze material related to the psychology of women, by identifying and evaluating the source, context, and credibility of information, evaluating popular media reports of psychological research related to gender, and by distinguishing amongst assumptions, emotional appeals, speculations, and defensible evidence.
- State how psychological principles can be used to explain social issues related to gender and inform public policy.
- State the necessity for ethical behavior in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology.
- Communicate effectively, by listening accurately and actively, and by articulating ideas thoughtfully and purposefully.
- Collaborate effectively, by working with groups to complete projects and by interacting effectively and sensitively with people from diverse backgrounds and cultural perspectives.
- Apply psychological principles to promote personal development by incorporating feedback for improved performance and by reflecting on one's experiences, thereby finding meaning in them.