

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** HIS 127

**Credits:** 3

**Course Title:** Women in American History

**Course Description:** Studies the role of women and attitudes toward women in American society from colonial times to the present. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and ENF 3. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** This course provides a general survey on the role of women and gender in shaping American history. This course can be used to satisfy the social/behavioral science requirements of most AA and AS degrees offered by the college or any certificate programs that require a course in the social sciences.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

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**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify and describe the role of women in shaping the cultural, economic, political, military, religious, social, intellectual, and institutional developments in American history;
- b. Identify and describe the chronological context of such developments;
- c. Identify and describe the values of other peoples and explain how they differ from the student's own values in an objective manner;
- d. Explain how the history in their textbook is assembled from the selected arguments and interpretations of its authors, and express the limitations inherent in its account;
- e. Identify and select, from the materials offered in this course, the relevant information needed to support their own interpretation of a particular historical question;
- f. Determine whether certain conclusions or consequences are supported by the information provided;
- g. Construct and present historical arguments based the available evidence in good written academic form;
- h. Distinguish between primary and secondary sources; and
- i. Compare and contrast historical concepts to the present day.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Native American Women
- b. Women in the Colonies
- c. Women in the Revolution/Republican Motherhood
- d. Women and Work
- e. Slavery
- f. Reform Movements/First-Wave Feminism
- g. Women in the West
- h. Progressive Women/Suffrage
- i. Women in the World Wars
- j. Second Wave Feminism
- k. The Sexual Revolution
- l. Third-Wave Feminism/Post-Feminist World

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** October 21, 2015