

# UMaine Women's Studies Courses

## Summer 2009

### **WST 101: Introduction to Women's Studies**

(Section 990/995, Mary Okin, Web-based, 07/06/09 to 08/07/09)  
#1330 (990), #1332 (995)

An introduction to Women's Studies, to its perspectives, and to its interdisciplinary nature. Using several disciplines, the class will examine women's positions in Western culture and will explore the genesis, the development, and the impact of our culture's assumptions about women's nature and women's roles.

### **WST 201: Topics in Women's Studies: Scandalous Women in Literature**

(Section 990/995, Audrey Minutolo, Web-based, 07/06/09 to 08/07/09)  
#1351 (990), #1353 (995)

This course examines the women in British and American literature who caused a stir in their social sphere and were forevermore depicted as immoral. Students will discuss and analyze the literature as well as the historical and literary contexts in which the texts were written and will also examine the political, social, cultural, and religious history of the period to better understand the women, or their characters, whose "eccentricities" ostracized them from their communities.

### **WST 401: Topics in Women's Studies: Maine Women**

(Section 990/995, Carol Toner, Web-based, 05/18/09 to 06/19/09)  
#1406 (990), #1407 (995)

This course will explore women's experiences in Maine, both historical and current, through a multidisciplinary approach including history, literature, political science, and economics. Through readings and discussions, we will analyze Maine women individually and collectively in such roles as industrial workers, reformers, writers, politicians and mothers. As we study Maine women, we will keep in mind several major questions. How have Maine's particular environment, culture, economy, and history shaped women's experiences in the state? How have national movements (for example abolitionism, temperance, suffrage, the ERA, welfare reform) shaped women's lives in Maine? How have women responded to these issues and events? And how have issues of class, gender, and race/ethnicity played out in Maine?

### **Departmental Electives in Women's Studies**

#### **SOC 329: Sociology of Gender**

(Section 990/995, Amy Blackstone, Web-based, 05/11/09 to 05/29/09)  
#1355 (990), #1360 (995)

Analysis of contemporary constructions of gender. Emphasis on the interpersonal and institutional dimensions of sexism and the prospects of social change.

Note to Women's Studies majors: SOC 330, Perspectives on Women, which has been required for the major, will not be given in Fall 2009 or Spring 2010. If you are graduating in Spring 2010 or before, you may substitute SOC 329 for SOC 330, but it may be given only this summer.

For more information, call 581-1228 or visit [www.umaine.edu/wic](http://www.umaine.edu/wic)