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**RE/HL/CJ/SO 49500**  
**TOPICS IN GENDER STUDIES**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This class is designed to assist students to implement their knowledge from previous courses on gender problems and issues into a research paper. It is a required capstone course for the Gender Studies Certificate. Students must demonstrate their ability to cumulatively apply the knowledge to their specific field of interest and their future career. The attached specification of the research paper calls for the research proposal to outline problems, questions, background, theory, methods, results, significance, discussion and recommendations.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Students are expected to demonstrate their substantial understanding of gender problems and issues through their preparation of the research paper. The final research paper will be a credential of approval for the issuing of the Gender Studies Certificate.

**FORMAT:**

The instructor will assist the student with resource reading materials and work with individual students to develop a research proposal, identify significant research questions, review research literature on the topics, theory, methods, results and discussion. Students are encouraged to develop their own conceptual framework in applying the theory regarding gender problems and issues to their research topic.

**REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:**

Students must follow the guidelines of the specification of the research paper and meet with the instructor as required. The grading is based on the completion of a research paper that satisfies the specific requirements.

**RESOURCE READING:**

Dooley, David. 2001. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. **SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS**, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Mahowald, Mary Briody. ed. 1994. 3rd Ed. **PHILOSOPHY OF WOMEN: AN ANTHOLOGY OF CLASSIC TO CURRENT CONCEPTS**, Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing.

## **GENDER STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

### **SPECIFICATION OF CAPSTONE RESEARCH PAPER**

The final research paper required to receive the certificate in Gender Studies must meet the following specifications:

#### **I. RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

to state the purpose of the research and expected outcomes including the possibility of applying the outcomes or the findings to the students' career.

#### **II. QUESTIONS**

to address research questions pertaining to the proposal.

#### **III. METHODOLOGY**

to state selected methodology for the research in order to develop the answers for the research questions.

#### **IV. OUTCOMES**

to describe the findings of the research within the conceptual framework developed by the student.

#### **V. DISCUSSION**

To state the conclusions drawn from the study and remaining problems recommended for future research.

#### **V. SUPPORTING BIBLIOGRAPHY**

to substantiate the theoretical and conceptual framework of the findings.

#### **VI. APPENDIX**

if necessary to demonstrate supporting materials such as questionnaires, original documentation, etc.

#### **VII. TABLES AND GRAPHS**

if necessary to illustrate the data.