

# EGST102 Winter 2019: Introduction to Women & Gender Studies

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*Feminism is HUMANISIM*

**\*Mandatory course for the Women's Studies Minor & the EGST Major\***

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### **Course Description:**

- ❖ This course introduces the discipline of Women's & Gender Studies and the historical development of women's movements for social justice worldwide.
- ❖ Focuses analysis on race, class, gender and sexual orientation with special attention to women of color and non-western people cross-culturally.
- ❖ Themes of the course address, among other issues, gender violence, and the impacts of globalization and religious fundamentalisms on women worldwide.

### **Course Format:**

This is an online class - each week is structured to involve some combination of readings, writing/reflection, discussion boards, film, and/or projects/activities. This course is designed to be interactive, so your participation is integral to the success of this course.

### **Course Objectives: To enable students to do the following:**

- ❖ To recognize both the differences and the similarities among women across the world, of different races, cultures, faiths and nations.
- ❖ To enable them to engage in discussions on developments that impact women's human rights globally
- ❖ To comprehend some of the major vocabulary and concepts enunciated by theorists in women's studies.
- ❖ To develop critical thinking skills and to recognize bias and faulty reasoning.
- ❖ And finally, to gain a sense of both an awareness of both the challenges faced and the advances made by women and GLBTQ communities in the U.S. and worldwide.