

# Women's Studies at Keene State College

What it means

What it offers

Where it can take you

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## NOTES FROM COURSE EVALUATIONS

*"Great class! I loved the professors, the material, the theory, the meaning, the importance. It's changed my life and made me more prepared to fight the cause in the name of feminism!"*

*"I found myself thinking about a lot of the topics outside of class. I feel that this class opened my eyes and gave me [new] knowledge."*

## 2006/07 WOMEN'S STUDIES COUNCIL

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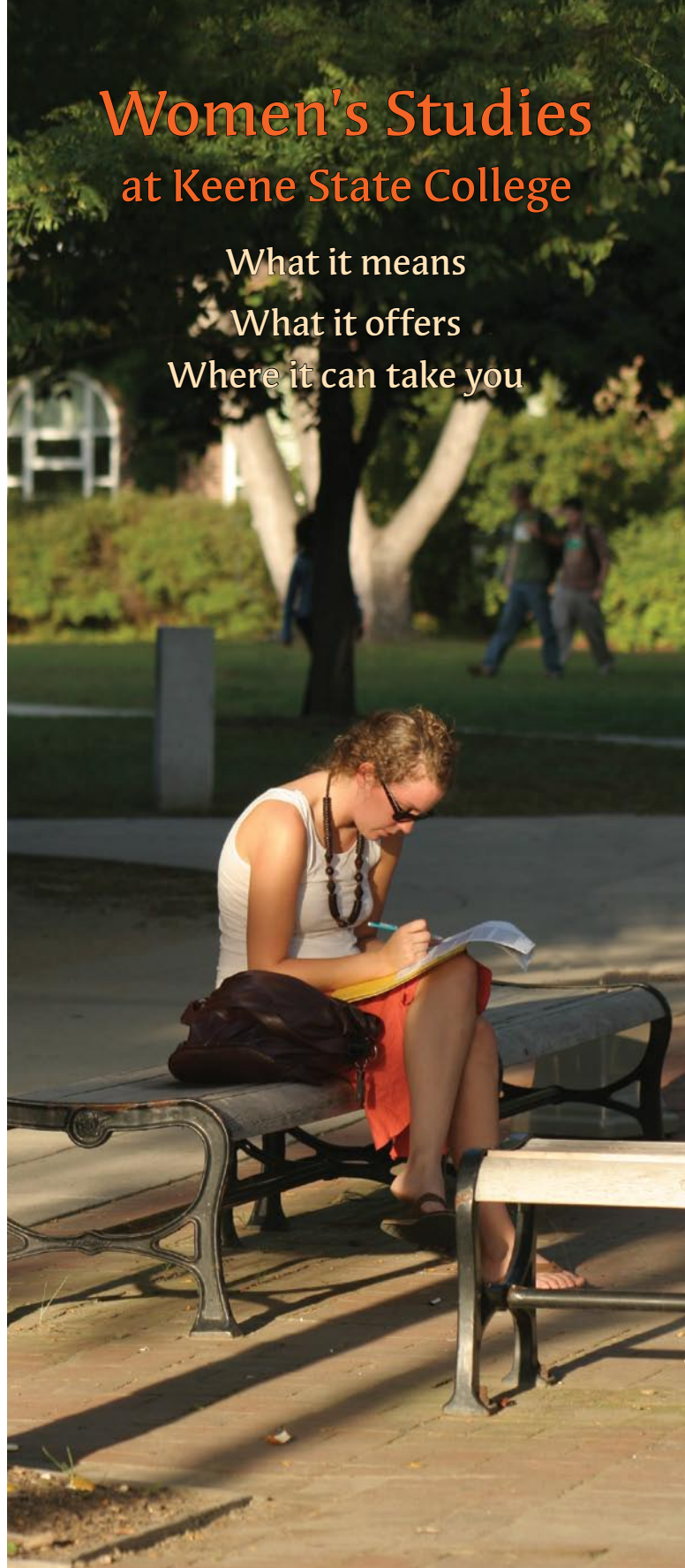
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# WOMEN'S STUDIES AT KEENE STATE COLLEGE

Women's Studies is a dynamic interdisciplinary program at Keene State College. Women's Studies offers a variety of exciting and challenging courses to meet the changing needs of students as they face an increasingly multicultural and politicized world. Some students take their first Women's Studies course as part of the integrative studies curriculum. Many continue to follow their interests through special topics courses that offer new knowledge and perspectives to complement their choice of major.

KSC offers a minor in Women's Studies that encourages students to select from courses in the natural and social sciences, arts and humanities, and professional studies as well as Women's Studies courses. Women's Studies students graduate with an interdisciplinary minor that prepares them for a variety of career fields. Some of our graduates are teachers, artists, activists, or health service workers; some have pursued higher degrees in law, midwifery, theology, education, literature, or psychology.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES MINOR

21-23 credits

This minor is an interdisciplinary program that explores, from feminist and global perspectives, the contributions, ideas, and experiences of women in all areas of society. Faculty and students actively engage in study about women's lives in all their diversity, including age, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and social class.

### CORE COURSES:

- WS 201 Introduction to Women's Studies
- WS 301 Feminist Theory
- WS 495 Seminar

Select four courses from the KSC catalog (at least one from each school: Arts and Humanities, Professional Studies, and Sciences and Social Sciences). Special topics may also be available.

### WS 201 INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

An interdisciplinary, historical, and global view of women that appreciates their diversity, including class, culture, age, race, and sexuality. Includes the study of the concept of patriarchy and women's responses to intellectual and social exclusion.

### WS 290 TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Concentrated study around a specific issue or theme that applies interdisciplinary methods to readings and analysis of selected topics. Builds on foundations acquired in the introductory course. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

### WS 298 INDEPENDENT STUDY

1-6 credits

An opportunity for a qualified student to explore work in an area of individual interest, selected and pursued in consultation

with a faculty member. Consent is required from the instructor who will supervise the independent study.

### WS 301 FEMINIST THEORY

The study of historical and critical foundations and current principles of feminist theory that can be applied to other disciplines.

### WS 495 SEMINAR

Exploration of major issues in women's studies under the direction of the Women's Studies Program faculty. Seminar content is contingent on student interest and faculty expertise.

### A SAMPLING OF ELECTIVE COURSES OFFERED:

#### WS 290: Special Topics

May include: Latina Feminism, Gender, Abortion, Women and Leadership, Franco American Women's Voices

#### ENG 203 Women's Writing

#### ENG 381-01 Women Writers

#### HLCS 220-01 Women and Health

#### ANTH 315-01 Women, Gender, and Culture

#### PSYCH 425-01 Psychology of Women

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*"...As someone who always considered herself a feminist, I didn't know the half of it until completing a women's studies course. I was awakened by how much I didn't know. (The cutbacks of women's rights in our own country and all over the world are disturbing... If [we do] not pay attention and learn about these issues, all civil rights will continue to diminish. Learning how hard women have fought for their rights in the past inspired me to join the March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C. I have never been so moved by a class. If I was compelled to take action, I believe others will be too. Until we learn to respect each other with equality on all levels, I have little hope for future generations..."*

– Excerpt from a student's reflective essay

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