Course Description: Gender, Culture, and Society provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary study of gender—the social creation and cultural representation of femininity and masculinity—by examining relevant beliefs, practices, debates and political struggles. Lectures, readings, and class discussions consider how people of different races, ethnicities, classes, and nationalities in various historical periods have assumed gendered identities. Topics may include: romantic love and marriage; sexuality; parenthood; reproduction; birth control and new reproductive technologies; interpersonal violence; the scientific study of sexual differences; fitness, health, body image, and popular culture; the sexual division of labor and economic development; and feminist movements.

Course Objectives:
- To be critical and creative thinkers, readers, and writers
- To improve reading and writing skills
- To be familiar with the contributions that women, women’s studies, and feminist movements have made and continue to make in our lives
- To recognize why these contributions were and are so important
- To be aware of different forms of feminist activism
- To encourage original scholarship, research, and activism about women that takes into consideration race, class, sexual orientation, nation, and ability/disability