A. Identification
1. Subject Area: Psychology (PSY)
2. Course Number: 236
3. Course Title: Psychology of Women
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Course Description: A cross-cultural study of the definition, trends, and issues of the psychological status of women, including an examination and evaluation of the psychological theories, as well as the operative forces behind women’s role in society. Prerequisite: PSY 101. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences.
Special Requirements: Ethnic/Race/Gender Awareness. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals
To assess historical and psychological perspectives on women and to evaluate contemporary viewpoints and current perceptions of roles relating to the psychology of women.

C. Course Outcomes: Students will:
1. discuss the historical and current roles and achievements of women compared to men;
2. discuss the myths and stereotypes surrounding the concept of woman;
3. evaluate theories relating to the psychological development of women across the lifespan, including psychoanalytic theory, social-learning theory, and feminist theory;
4. examine the biological changes and psychological effects that occur in women over the lifespan;
5. examine the role society and culture play in the psychology of women and the influences contributing to how women’s roles are formulated and adopted;
6. and examine the impact of violence against women.

D. Course Outcomes Assessment will include:
1. written exams;
2. and writing assignments.

E. Course Content will include:
1. myths and stereotypes;
2. historical considerations;
3. psychological theories as they relate to women;
4. biological considerations;
5. influences of society and culture in the construct of woman;
6. roles and achievements through the lifespan;
7. minority women;
   a. ethnic;
   b. lesbians;
8. and violence against women.