

First-Year Seminar

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

Director: Dr. Roberta McFadden

FSEM 100-101 Freshman Seminar (3, 3)

Freshman Seminar, the foundation of the Mount's core curriculum, is a yearlong course taken by first-year students in the traditional undergraduate program. It is taught to small groups of students by faculty from all disciplines in the university. The goal of this course is to initiate students into membership in a Catholic liberal arts community dedicated to lifelong inquiry in the pursuit of truth. This initiation entails their engagement in a process of reflection that brings them to examine critically the beliefs, opinions and value judgments that inform their actions in both the Mount St. Mary's community and society at large. Freshman Seminar facilitates the development of writing, reading, critical thinking and speaking skills central to such inquiry and prerequisite for academic and personal success. Students develop these skills and self-awareness as they explore issues relevant to work, education and values. Faculty assist such exploration as seminar instructors and as advisors who are attentive to the personal well-being of students.

MOUNT SEMINAR

GE 200

Mount Seminar (3) (Division of Continuing Studies only)

Mount Seminar is designed as an introduction to the Mount St. Mary's curriculum for Weekend College and Accelerated undergraduate students. It initiates students into the skills and habits of higher education as students make the transition to accelerated college-level work. The course includes units on writing, speaking, critical thinking, research, computer use and reading. Required as a first or second course for Weekend College and Accelerated students at Mount St. Mary's University.

Gender Studies Minor

Director: Dr. Maureen Oakley (Political Science)

The interdisciplinary minor in gender studies supports the mission of Mount St. Mary's by helping students understand and anticipate social change. By examining how gender constructs affect the lives of men and women and how gender roles have changed over time, students can better understand a key factor that drives both change and continuity in our culture.

The minor consists of six courses (18 credits). See the list below. Students may request the Gender Studies Steering Committee to approve credit toward the minor for courses not included in this list. To be considered, such requests must have prior approval from the course instructor and must document that the student's work will include significant elements of gender studies.

Recent 3-credit electives for the gender studies minor:

HIGS 310	History of the Family in Europe	PSYGS 345	Human Sexuality
HIGS 386	U.S. Women's History	PSYGS 380	Psychology of Gender
HIGS 387	Manhood in America	SOCGS 200	Sociology of Families
PHGS 344	Intercultural Dialogue	SOCGS 303	Sociology of Gender
PSGS 225	Politics of Gender/Race/Ethnicity		