Course description:
This course will introduce students to some of the major themes in the study of women and world history since 1750, focusing primarily on Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States. We will explore how women’s experiences changed over time and differed according to location. The course will examine three topics in-depth a) the evolution of the Atlantic slave system b) the rise of industrial capitalism and c) women’s political activism. Students will learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources and evaluate historical debates. They will consider how looking at women and gender changes our understanding of major topics in world history and sheds light on contemporary global politics.

Goals and Learning Outcomes:

A) History Department
1. Analyze historical duration, succession, and change in terms of human agency and larger systems or structures in a wide variety of places and periods.
2. Use historical thinking to contextualize and analyze primary and secondary sources representing different points of view.
3. Use evidence-based reasoning to interpret the past coherently while developing and presenting an original argument in writing.

B) Course specific
4. Understand major themes in women and world history from 1750 to the present.

Required Book: