

CSV 302
Bystander Intervention Training
Tuesday/Thursday
11:00-12:15
Keaney 117



Bystander Intervention Training (CSV 302) is a class that will change your life. This course will teach students the laws, facts and stats regarding sexual and gender-based violence that takes place in this country as well as internationally. We will use a multicultural and interdisciplinary approach to promote bystander intervention in order to eliminate sexual violence, intimate partner violence and violence against women. The primary goal of this course is to educate and prepare students to become URi-STANDers by learning the laws, facts and statistics regarding sexual violence against both women and men on campus and off.

Students will learn about the prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and apply practical concepts of the term in regards to what is going on right now in the world around them. It will require critical examination of women from various cultures and how they are treated, how they are viewed, how they act, and, most importantly, how the media views them through the lens of sexual violence.

Through weekly 500-1,000 word journals, reading assigned articles from the course binder, a mandatory out-of-class assignment, in class discussions, independent research, and two 50-question exams, students will be engaged in a critical examination of theories of gender, sexuality, violence, and their social implications. Course work will include locating and reading outside newspaper, magazine and online articles regarding violence against women, finding magazine advertisements as well as watching nightly local or national news shows, TV commercials, listening to song lyrics and examining other sources of current events and responding to them in a weekly journal.

This course will require students to take an in-depth look at how they personally view sexual violence, the objectification of women in society and around the world, social justice, gender inequality and various other provocative questions they'll be challenged to consider and respond to each week. It is critical that active learning take place throughout the semester during this course. Students **MUST** critically examine current events as it pertains to sexual violence both in the United States and internationally, actively participate in class discussion and respond to each other's thoughts, ideas and opinions - while maintaining an open mind, tolerance and respectful discourse regarding the sensitive nature of sexual victimization. Gaining other students' perspectives is integral – especially during class lectures and discussions. Otherwise the course load is just busy work, taking LOTS of notes, watching videos and listening to full class lectures. Students will be expected to actively participate as well as undergo intensive self-examination and profound reflection of their learning and progress throughout the semester.

Following this course, students will be able to apply for the opportunity to become a URi-STANDer and receive internship credits for two semesters.