

WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

IHWGS-290 Topics in Women & Gender Studies (4 Credits)

Humanities-based study of a specific issue or topic within the field of Womens and Gender Studies. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Offered: All, Odd Years

IHWGS-101 Introduction to Womens & Gender Studies (4 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce students to the key issues, questions, and debates in the interdisciplinary field of Womens and Gender Studies. Central to the course will be a focus on the social construction of identity and the myriad ways in which gender, race, class, sexuality and nationality work to constitute peoples experiences.

Offered: All, Every Year

IHWGS-145 Complexities of Masculinities (4 Credits)

An interdisciplinary examination across social sciences, history and gender studies of mens diverse experiences in the U.S.A. It approaches and explores the relationships between multiple social categorizations such as gender/trans, race/ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, nation, physical abilities and mens lives.

Offered: Spring, Every Year

IHWGS-210 Reproductive Justice (4 Credits)

An interdisciplinary examination of reproductive justice in the U.S. and other countries. Drawing on concepts from critical race theory, critical legal theory, and feminist theory, among others, students will explore the history informing ideas about reproduction, including eugenics, abortion debates, inequality in access to reproductive services, and similar topics.

Prerequisite(s): ITW-101

IHWGS-240 Race Gender Sexuality and Pop Culture (4 Credits)

We take an interdisciplinary approach to studying representations of race and ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and other social identities in popular culture. Using literature from cultural studies, queer studies, ethnic studies, communication, sociology, and other disciplines, we explore dominant ideologies and how they are perpetuated (or not) in media products.

Prerequisite(s): ITW-101

Offered: Fall, Every Year

IHWGS-290 Topics in Womens and Gender Studies (4 Credits)

Interdisciplinary study of a specific issue or topic within the field of Womens and Gender Studies. Students will develop skills in critical reading and critical thinking. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Prerequisite(s): ITW-101

IHWGS-300 Critical Ethnic Studies (4 Credits)

This interdisciplinary course explores the experiences of women of color using feminist scholarship from literature, sociology, history, and womens studies. Analyzes the history of social movements that have influenced the construction of the category women of color and articulates a critique of the category of whiteness.

Prerequisite(s): 24 credits in ISP, including ITW-101 and QL

IHWGS-340 Transnational Sexualities (4 Credits)

Consider how globalization and national borders impact ideas about sexuality. Think through how national and transnational identities are built around sexuality. This interdisciplinary course will draw from fields including cultural studies, international studies, and feminist theory. Topics covered may include immigration, colonialism, war, and tourism.

Prerequisite(s): 24 credits in ISP, including ITW-101 and QL

Offered: Fall, Odd Years

WGS-291 Topics: Womens & Gender Studies (4 Credits)

Study of a key issue or topic within the field of Womens and Gender Studies. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Prerequisite(s): ITW-101

WGS-298 Independent Study (1-4 Credits)

An opportunity for a qualified student to develop and complete an innovative project under the supervision of a Womens and Gender Studies faculty member on a topic not currently offered. Proposals must be submitted to the Womens and Gender Studies Department by the student for review before the start of the course.

WGS-301 Transnational Feminist Theories (4 Credits)

In this course, we will study the gender systems that shape peoples lives across cultures and countries. We will examine a variety of global processes and approaches, such as colonialism and globalization, and develop a framework for thinking at the intersections of identity, politics, culture, and knowledge in order to explore the complex and contested ways in which multiple economic, political, and cultural institutions affect peoples lives globally.

Prerequisite(s): IHWGS-101 or permission by instructor

Offered: Fall, Odd Years

WGS-302 Queer Theories (4 Credits)

Queer studies provide a range of theoretical approaches that challenge fixed, essentialist identities, drawing attention to incoherencies in the allegedly stable sex/gender system. Placing a variety of queer theories in their historical context, this interdisciplinary course will provide a survey of contemporary arguments and critical terms used in the field.

Prerequisite(s): Take IHWGS-101

Offered: Spring, Every Year

WGS-303 Latina Feminist Theories (4 Credits)

This class is an interdisciplinary examination of Latina feminist theories, drawing from history, epistemology, third world feminisms, creative nonfiction literature, and art performances. The course is organized around the following issues: colonization, immigration, globalization, critical race theory, sexism and Latina image representation.

Prerequisite(s): IHWGS-101

WGS-490 Advanced Topics in Womens & Gender Stds (4 Credits)

Advanced interdisciplinary study of theoretical perspectives within Womens and Gender Studies. Students will develop skills in critical reading and critical thinking. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Prerequisite(s): 300 level WGS course or permission of instructor

WGS-495 Capstone in Womens and Gender Studies (4 Credits)

Students will explore the relationships among knowledge, power, and identities as they research a question related to womens, gender, and/or queer studies. The specific course topic will depend on the professors and students interests.

Prerequisite(s): Take one from WGS-301, WGS-302, WGS-303, or WGS-304, or permission of instructor

Offered: Spring, Every Year

WGS-497 Internship (2-4 Credits)

An opportunity for qualified students to work on a practicum internship course that must address issues of gender, LGBTQ+, race/ethnicity, among others under supervision of a Womens Studies faculty.

Prerequisite(s): One WGS Theory course (WGS-301, WGS-302, WGS-303, or WGS-304) and permission of instructor

Offered: Fall, Odd Years

WGS-498 Independent Study (1-4 Credits)

Independent reading and writing on an approved topic under direction of a Womens and Gender Studies faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): Permission of Instructor