WOMEN'S STUDIES WS

Women, Gender, and Social Justice College of Arts and Letters

201 Introduction to Women's Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Diversity of women's situations in social, cultural, historical and international contexts. Focus on women as victims of oppression and as agents. Concepts basic to feminist thought: gender systems, patriarchy.

202 Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Theories
Fall. 3(3-0) P:M: WS 201 RB: Or approval of program. R: Not open to freshmen. Contemporary feminist theories of patriarchy, oppression, liberation, sexuality, and the meaning of "woman." Influences of liberalism, Marxism, Freud. Intersections of sex, race, class, and ethnicity. Theories by women of color.

203 Bibliographic Methods for Women's Studies Research
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. Women's studies as interdisciplinary knowledge. Bibliographic and reference sources. Library organization of information. Research problems.

204 Lesbian, Bisexual, and Gay Studies: Psychological and Cultural Issues
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Women's Studies. Nature, origins, and development of sexual orientation and sexual identity in the context of personality, culture, and society. Multicultural and feminist perspectives on the relationship between sexual orientation and gender, race, class, ethnicity, and religion.

211 Introduction to Gender and Environmental Issues

225 Women and Language
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Linguistics. Administered by Linguistics. Languages and language in societies around the world. Issues such as status and verbal politeness, importance of names, gender differences in language use, women's multilingualism, sexist language, gendered language development in children.

301 Sexual Violence Against Women and Children: Theory and Response
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen. Sexual violence against women and children from theoretical and applied perspectives. Rape, battering, incest and sexual harassment. Intersection of race, class, gender and violence. Individual and collective strategies to prevent or deter assault, race, class, gender and violence.

302 Jewish Women's Experiences and Writings
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen. Diverse experiences of Jewish women from a multidisciplinary perspective. Gender construction of Jewish and majority women and men. Generations of immigrant Jewish women. Anti-Semitism. Jewish feminism. Political and economic issues.

320 Gender and Popular Culture
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with American Studies. Administered by American Studies. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. RB: AMS 261 Issues in gender and sexuality, power and agency, values and norms. Application of American Studies theories and methods.

321 Lesbian Cultures and Identities
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) RB: WS 201 and WS 202 Lesbian history, lesbian cultures/communities, and the construction of lesbian identity.

400 Senior Seminar: Women in Ancient Greece and Rome (W)
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Classical Studies. Administered by Classical Studies. P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Image, role, and status of women in Greek society as seen through literary sources.

401 Feminist Theory

403 Women and Change in Developing Countries
Spring. 3(3-0) RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Effects of economic, political, and social change on women in developing countries. Interrelationships of gender, class, race, and nationality.

404 Women and the Law in the United States
Fall of odd years, Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife. Administered by Women's Studies. RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Law in the United States as a vehicle for structuring and maintaining women's social roles, and for social change.

411 Families in Historical Perspective
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History. R: Not open to freshmen. Family forms and socio-economic change in Europe and the United States. Gender, childhood, courtship, sexual relations, marriage, divorce, childbearing, and old age in peasant, industrial, and postindustrial society. War, welfare state, and the family. The marginalized: vagrants, foundlings, immigrants, and single mothers.

420 History of Sexuality since the 18th Century
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History. R: Not open to freshmen. Changing gender roles, sex in the Victorian era, prostitution, pornography, birth control, emergence of homo- and heterosexual, sex under fascism, the sexual revolution, contemporary conflicts.

425 Women and Criminal Justice
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Criminal Justice. P:M: CJ 110 RB: CJ 220 or WS 201 R: Open only to juniors or seniors. Theories on women's victimization and criminality. Women's experiences as victims, offenders, and criminal justice employees. Laws and their effects on the rights of women in the criminal justice system.

453 Women and Work: Issues and Policy Analysis

482 Theory and Practice of Feminist Literary Criticism
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English. P:M: (ENG 353 or ENG 379 or WS 202) P:M: Completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open only to juniors or seniors in the Department of English or Women's Studies Program or English disciplinary minor. Feminist literary critical theory and its implications for reading and studying literature.

490 Independent Study
Fall, Spring. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Open only to juniors or seniors; approval of program. Individual reading and research on women and gender.

491 Special Topics
Fall, Spring. 3 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. In-depth study of special topic emphasizing women and gender.

492 Women's Studies Senior Seminar (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P:M: (WS 201 and WS 203) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Synthesis and elaboration of ideas and perspectives central to women's studies. Current areas of interest and research in feminist scholarship.
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493 Internship
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. P:M: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Approval of program. Integration of feminist knowledge through work experience related to women's concerns. Experience in legislative, community, or educational settings.

890 Individual Reading
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department. Faculty supervised graduate level reading in special topics.