WOMEN'S STUDIES  WS

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

153 Introduction to Women Authors
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English.
Writings by women from various racial, socioeconomic and historical backgrounds. Women's choices of subject matter and style. Women's redefinition of literary genres.

201 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) Foundational knowledge, theories, methods in women's and gender studies and of women's experience historically and across the globe.

202 Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories
Spring. 3(3-0) P: WS 201 or Approval of program. R: Not open to freshmen. Theories of feminism and gender from a variety of intellectual, political, cultural, religious, sexual, racial, ethnic, national, and global perspectives.

203 Introduction to Methods for Women's and Gender Studies Research
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. Interdisciplinary research methods for global women's and gender studies.

211 Introduction to Gender and Environmental Issues

225 Language and Gender
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Linguistics. Administered by Linguistics.
Gender and language in societies around the world. Issues such as status, power and politeness in monolingual and multilingual societies. The role of gender in language development, language variation and language change.

301 Sexual Violence Against Women and Children: Theory and Response
Spring. 3(3-0) R/B: 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, and gender violence.

302 Jewish Women's Experiences and Writings
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) R/B: 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.

304 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) and Sexuality Studies
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Lyman Briggs and Residential College in the Arts and Humanities. Administered by Women's Studies. R: Not open to freshmen. SA: WS 204 Interdisciplinary study of the history, politics, theories, science, cultures, and communities of lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, and intersex people including a global perspective.

312 African American Women
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Black women in American history. Slavery, the work place, politics, and the Civil Rights movement.

313 Women in the United States to 1869
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. United States history through the experiences of women. Gender, family, work, and political activism.

314 Women in the United States since 1869
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. United States history through the experiences of women. Gender, family, work, and political activism.

339 Psychology of Women
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. P: PSY 101 SA; PSY 209 Development and implications of sex-typed behavior and sex differences. Women's decisions about and experiences of menstruation, sexuality, motherhood, relationships, achievement, employment, retirement.

353 Readings in Women Writers
Fall. Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Not open to freshmen. Extensive reading in texts by women, focused within a particular national tradition or period or within a particular genre. Critical responses to these texts. Feminist approaches to literature.

355 Readings in Sexuality and Literature
Fall. Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English. P: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: 6 credits of literature R: Not open to freshmen. Extensive reading in literature drawing on gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer perspectives.

356 Philosophical Aspects of Feminism
Fall. Spring. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Philosophy. Administered by Philosophy. R/B: One PHL course. Conceptual and normative issues in feminist theory. Topics such as sexism, oppression, coercion, control, power, equality, personhood, respect and self-respect, rape, separatism, community, intimacy, and autonomy.

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: Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.

403 Women and Change in Developing Countries
Spring. 3(3-0) R/B: 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. R/B: 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.

412 Women in Modern European History
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History. R: Not open to freshmen. Women in European society, economy, and politics since 1750, emphasizing the lives of ordinary women and the impact of industrial capitalism and the nation-state.

413 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, sex under fascism, the sexual revolution, contemporary conflicts.

421 Women and Gender in Africa
Fall. Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by History. RB: One course on African history R: Not open to freshmen. Gender-aware and women-centered approaches to the study of African history.
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425  Women and Criminal Justice
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Criminal Justice. P: CJ 110 RB: CJ 220 or WS 201 R: Open 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.

448  Seminar in Gender and Literature
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English. P: (ENG 360 or ENG 362 or ENG 364 or ENG 368) or (WS 202 or WS 204 or approval of department) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Department of English or in the Women, Gender and Social Justice Specialization or approval of department. Advanced analysis in literary works within the context of sexual differences or sexuality studies. May include women writers, feminism, masculinity studies, gay, lesbian, or transgender studies. Topics vary.

452  Studies in Film, Gender, and Sexuality
Fall. 3(3-2) Interdepartmental with Film Studies. Administered by Film Studies. P: FLM 230 RB: FLM 300 or FLM 380 or FLM 381 SA: ENG 431C Study of films by women and about women, gender, masculinity, or sexuality.

453  Women and Work: Issues and Policy Analysis

456  Topics in Feminist Philosophy
Fall of odd years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Philosophy. Administered by Philosophy. RB: (PHL 356 or WS 401) or two 400-level courses in PHL. Philosophical issues in a framework of feminist politics and critique. Standpoint theories, care/justice ethics, ontological status of genders/races, theories of power/domination, determinism/freedom.

482  Seminar in Feminist Literary and Cultural Theory
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with English. Administered by English. P: (ENG 280 or ENG 353 or ENG 448 or WS 202) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Department of English or in the Women, Gender and Social Justice Specialization. Advanced analysis in feminist literary, critical, and cultural 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  Advanced Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies (W)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: (WS 201 or approval of college) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: Undergraduates with previous experience in Women's and Gender Studies. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Guided advanced reading, research, and writing in topics in global gender and women's studies.

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: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Application of course work in Women's and Gender Studies through work experience related to women's and gender concerns. Experience in legislative, community, or educational settings in the U.S. and overseas.

860  Seminar in Women's History
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 15 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with History. RB: Undergraduates with previous experience in Women's History. R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Political, social, and economic history of women. Major interpretations and research findings. Topics vary.

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.