WOMEN’S STUDIES

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, socio-economic 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 RB: 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.

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) 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.

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. Administered by 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. Administered by 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. Administered by History.
United States history through the experiences of women. Gender, family, work, and political activism.

316 Children’s Exposure to Domestic Violence: Promoting Resiliency
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Psychology. P: PSY 101 RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203
Prevalence, context and impact of domestic abuse on children. Strategies for promoting resiliency.

317 Sexual Assault: Context, Interventions and Prevention
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Psychology. P: PSY 101 RB: WS 201 or WS 202 or WS 203 or WS 301

318 Gender-Based Violence Across the Lifespan
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Psychology. P: PSY 101
Dynamics, risk factors, and community responses to gender-based violence across the lifespan.

399 Psychology of Women
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Psychology. Administered by Psychology. P: PSY 101 SA: PSY 239
Development and implications of sex-typed behavior and sex differences. Women’s decisions about and experiences of menstruation, sexuality, motherhood, relationships, achievement, employment, retirement.

351 Gendered Violence and Intersections of Power
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Sociology. Administered by Sociology.
Gendered violence from an intersectional perspective. Ways intersecting social statuses such as race, class, and sexuality shape gendered experiences.

352 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: 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. RB: One PHL course.
Conceptual and administrative issues in feminist theory. Topics such as sexism, oppression, coercion, control, power, equality, personhood, respect and self-respect, rape, separatism, community, intimacy, and autonomy.

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) 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.

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, childbirth, and old age in peasant, industrial, and postindustrial societies. 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 homosexual and heterosexual 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 or sophomores.
Gender-aware and women-centered approaches to the study of African history.
WS—Women’s Studies

424 Seminar in Queer Studies
Spring. 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: (WS 304 or approval of department) and Completion of Tier I Writing Requirement. R: Open to undergraduate students. Advanced topics in queer studies. In-depth analysis of major topics and developments in queer studies, queer theory, or related interdisciplinary studies in sexuality.

425 Women and Criminal Justice
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Criminal Justice. Administered by Criminal Justice. 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.

456 Topics in Feminist Philosophy
Fall of odd years. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Philosophy. Administered by Philosophy. P: (PHL 356) 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.

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 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) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. 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
Spring, Summer. 2 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 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.

497 Seminar in Feminist Theories, Epistemologies, and Pedagogy
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with English and Philosophy and Sociology and Teacher Education. Administered by Women’s Studies. Foundational knowledge, theory, epistemology, and pedagogy in women’s and gender studies from a multi-disciplinary, global perspective.

858 Gender, Justice and Environmental Change: Issues and Concepts
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Criminal Justice and Community Sustainability and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Sociology. Administered by Community Sustainability. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources. Issues and concepts related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Key debates and theoretical approaches to addressing environmental issues from a gender and social justice perspective. Gender and environmental issues and processes from a global perspective.

859 Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change: Methods and Application
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Anthropology and Community Sustainability and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Sociology. Administered by Anthropology. RB: Background in social science, environmental science, or natural resources. Methods and case studies related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Methodological and field-work issues from a feminist perspective in international and intercultural contexts. Qualitative and quantitative methods for integrating social and environmental data.

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. Administered by History. 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.