WOMEN’S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

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The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program offers graduate-level course work but no graduate degree programs.

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No graduate degree programs offered.

All 500- and 600-level graduate courses include requirements or assignments which differentiate them from their companionate 300- and 400-level undergraduate offerings. Students who have taken a course at the 300 or 400 level may not include that course at the 500 or 600 level in a graduate program, except in the case of special topics courses when the topic is not the same as that taken at the undergraduate level.

WGSS 508 Topics in LGBTQ Studies (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WGSS 206 or WGSS 406 or consent of instructor.
- Cross-listed with WGSS 308

This course provides students with an opportunity to investigate a specific topic in LGBTQ Studies. Topics studied vary from semester to semester.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 513 Gender, Sex, and Science in European History (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with HIST 313/HIST 513 and WGSS 313. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

This course examines recent scholarship in European history on gender, sexuality, science, and the body. It focuses on the historical construction of gender and sexuality, the gendering of science, inclusion/exclusion in academic and scientific work.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 535 Transnational/Global Feminisms (3 crs)
Prerequisite: One WGSS course or consent of instructor.
- Cross-listed with WGSS 335.

Provides frameworks for understanding the complexity of women’s lives outside the USA. Includes theories for local as well as global/transnational understandings of the factors enabling women to mobilize and enact changes to improve their lives.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 3

WGSS 536 Psychology of Women (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 336 and PSYC 336/PSYC 536. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Advanced undergraduate/graduate seminar designed to examine how both traditional and feminist psychological theories and research may apply to women’s lives. Topics include sexuality, violence, gender roles, work, relationships, body image, reproduction, motherhood, and sexual orientation.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 544 Women, Work and Family (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 344. Credit may not be earned in both courses. No credit if taken after WGSS 433 when offered as Women & Work-Family Issues.

Feminist analysis of work-family issues with emphasis on women’s experiences. Contemporary and/or historical perspectives on intersections of work and family, potentially including multicultural, social, psychological, economic, queer, and/or additional perspectives will be explored.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 551 Women and Politics (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 351 and POLS 351/POLS 551. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Analysis of women’s roles and participation in politics: as citizens, voters, candidates, and officeholders. The impact of feminism and the women’s movement on issues and policymaking.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
WGSS 556 Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 356 and ANTH 356/ANTH 556. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Study of women’s domestic, social, economic, political, and religious roles in a broad range of the world’s societies. Examination of the historical development of women’s roles and contemporary changes.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 557 Women and Economic Development (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 357 and ECON 357/ECON 557. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses. No credit if taken after WMNS 480 in summer of 2001.

Provides economic, institutional, and feminist frameworks for understanding socioeconomic realities of women in Asia, Africa, Latin American, and the Middle East. Topics analyzed include changing roles of women in economy and household during the process of economic development.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 573 American Women’s History to 1870 (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 373 and HIST 373/HIST 573. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Examines the history of black, white, and red women, including gender politics; women as the co-creators of culture; changes related to education, religion, work, sexuality, and marriages; and women and revolution and war.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 578 American Women’s History Since 1870 (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 378 and HIST 378/HIST 578. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Explores women’s relationship to the economy and to political movements; changing ideals of womanhood; the demographic and sexual revolutions; and class, race, ethnic, and regional variations in women’s experience.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 585 The History of Middle Eastern Muslim Women (3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 385 and HIST 385/HIST 585. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.

Examines the lives of Middle Eastern Muslim Women, and the ways in which people have represented them, from the seventh through the twentieth centuries. Considers feminist, historicist, and post-modern interpretations.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 594 Studies in the History of Women (1-3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 394 and HIST 394/HIST 594.

Selected aspects depending on student interest and staff. Number of credits assigned will vary according to nature of topic. Possible topics include a survey of entire history of women in Western world or women in American history. Consult schedule or department office for current offering.

Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WGSS 595 Directed Studies (1-3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required
- Cross-listed with WGSS 395.

Study of a women’s, gender, and sexuality studies problem or topic approved by supervising instructor and women’s, gender, and sexuality studies director. May address individual or group projects for exploration of topical issues or questions confronted in other courses. Ordinarily, this course will involve only students who have completed some Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies coursework.

Repeat: Course may be repeated
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WGSS 606 Queer Theories and Sexual Politics (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WGSS 200 or WGSS 206 or three credits from WGSS or consent of instructor.
- Cross-listed with WGSS 406. Credit may not be earned in both courses. With permission of the instructor, a feminist theory course in another discipline may fulfill the prerequisite.

Seminar addresses theoretical and political debates that confront the institution of heterosexuality. Queer theorists contextualize gender and sexualities within LGBTQ social movements for civil rights. Explores intersectionality of LGBTQ oppression (heterosexism) with other social forces.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 3

WGSS 631 Women and Communication (1-3 crs)
- Cross-listed with WGSS 431.

Addresses issues related to communication, women, and/or gender.

Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
WGSS 632 Women and Science (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WGSS 432.
Explores gender issues in science. Examines questions of gender-related bias in scientific content, methodologies, project execution and analysis. Consideration of the status of women in science.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WGSS 633 Women and Social Science (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WGSS 433.
Addresses issues related to the social sciences, women, and/or gender.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WGSS 634 Women and the Humanities (1-3 crs)
• Cross-listed with WGSS 434.
Addresses issues related to the humanities, women, and/or gender.
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option

WGSS 636 Education of Girls and Women in the United States (2 crs)
• Cross-listed with WGSS 436 and ES 436/ES 636. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses. No credit if taken after special topics or directed study with the same title.
This course will focus on both informal and formal definitions of schooling and explore a wide array of influences and choices that contribute to the preparation of resilient women who grow and change through their lifetime.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 682 Women in Latin American Literature (3 crs)
Prerequisite: SPAN 363/SPAN 563 or SPAN 367/LAS 367 / SPAN 567/LAS 567.
• Cross-listed with WGSS 482 and SPAN 482/SPAN 682. Credit may only be earned in one of these courses.
This course is an in-depth study of the representation of women in contemporary Spanish American literature in their historical, cultural, and social contexts. Taught entirely in Spanish.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 690 Feminist Analysis and Practices: Interdisciplinary Themes (3 crs)
Prerequisite: WGSS 100 or WGSS 301, and WGSS 200, and WGSS 250; or consent of instructor
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
• Cross-listed with WGSS 490. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
Comparative study of the theories and methods of feminism, from historical, multidisciplinary, and cross-cultural perspectives. Examines theoretical foundations, current debates and advances in feminist scholarship.
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

WGSS 696 Capstone: Social Justice Practicum (3 crs)
Consent: Department Consent Required
• Cross-listed with WGSS 496. Credit may not be earned in both courses.
As a culminating experience, students work collectively to understand and address community needs. Collaborating with a community organization and guided by feminist approaches to social justice, students strategize, implement and assess a plan of action.
Attributes: Capstone Course, Field Trip(s) Required
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Seminar Hours: 3

WGSS 698 Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: Three credits of WGSS courses.
Consent: Department Consent Required
• Cross-listed with WGSS 498.
Supervised application and examination of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies theory in a professional setting related to the student’s area of interest.
Attributes: Internship
Repeat: Course may be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits
Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option