

**WOMEN'S STUDIES**

**WS**

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

- 102 Navigating Sex and Gender in Everyday Life**  
Fall. 2(2-0) A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course.  
Survey of current topics related to women, gender, sexuality, and social justice. Diversity, global perspectives, contextualizing the individual within a complex world.
- 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  
Nature and context of adult sexual assault in the United States. Current interventions and prevention efforts.
- 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.
- 339 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.

- 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 RB: 3 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. RB: 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.
- 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, childbearing, and old age in peasant, industrial, and postindustrial society. War, welfare state, and the family. The marginalized: vagrants, foundlings, immigrants, and single mothers.

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- 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 heterosexuality, 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
- 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 304 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. RB: (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/dominance, 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's and Gender Studies Minor.  
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  
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**  
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.
- 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 environment 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 fieldwork 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.
- 897 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.