WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS)

WGSS 2999. SERVICE LEARNING-2000 LEVEL. (1 Credit)

WGSS 3000. GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES. (4 Credits)
This course introduces students to theories of gender and sexuality from a range of disciplinary perspectives. It is the new introductory course for the WGSS program. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: ALC, ASSC, COLI, LALS, PLUR.

WGSS 3001. QUEER THEORIES. (4 Credits)
An introduction to the academic discipline of queer theory, focusing on foundational thinkers (e.g., Butler, Foucault, Sedgwick, and others as well as their philosophical and psychoanalytic precursors and interlocutors). The course will also address selected issues currently under discussion in the discipline. These may include the role of activism, the relationship between queer theory and feminism theory, attention to race, and intersections with postcolonial theory. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMST, COLI, PLUR.

WGSS 3002. FEMINIST AND WOMEN’S STUDIES. (4 Credits)
This course provides a historical perspective on feminism and women’s experience, including 19th and 20th century American movements for women’s rights as well as texts that influenced the development of feminist thought and theory. It is one of three required courses for WGSS program. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AHC, AMST.

WGSS 3067. CONTEMPORARY WOMEN POETS. (4 Credits)
In this course, students will read poetry written by women poets in the 20th and 21st centuries with a focus on the imaginative representation of women’s lived experience. We will read the work of poets who address the themes of feminine embodiment and sexuality, women’s roles as mothers and daughters, women’s work (both professional and domestic), and the role poetry plays in enabling women to discover a language to contain their experience. Among the (possible) poets we will read are Sylvia Plath, Ann Sexton, Elizabeth Bishop, Lucille Clifton, Anna Swir, Adrienne Rich, Marie Ponsot, Eavan Boland, Louise Erdrich, Kate Daniels, Mary Karr and A.E. Stallings. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AHC, AMST.

WGSS 3141. WOMEN IN AFRICA. (4 Credits)
This course examines the formal and informal participation of African women in politics, their interaction with the state and their role in society. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AFAM, ASSC, GLBL.
WGSS 3537. SATIRE, SEX, STYLE: AGE OF T. NASH. (4 Credits)
Considered for a long time to be a “minor” Elizabethan writer with “nothing to say,” Thomas Nashe managed to produce a varied and astonishing, if ultimately costly and futile, body of work during the last decade of the sixteenth century, spanning erotica, picaresque fiction, and fierce invective, satire, and polemic. This course will offer a close look at Nashe’s unique rhetorical style in relation to the vivid literary culture of his times, focusing on how Nashe’s work pushes to the extreme various impulses in Elizabethan literature that tend to get overlooked in conventional accounts of the period. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ALC.
Prerequisites: ENGL 2000 or HPRH 1001 or HPRH 1501 or HPRH 2001 or HPRH 2051.

WGSS 3826. MODERN US WOMEN’S HISTORY. (4 Credits)
The history of American women from the first women’s rights convention in 1848 to the present. We will study women’s everyday lives (including at home and work), major events like the campaign for suffrage, World War II, and the women’s liberation movement, and representations of women in popular culture (magazines, movies, and T.V.). Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AHC, AMST, PLUR.

WGSS 3901. PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES FEMINISM I. (4 Credits)
Philosophical exploration of issues raised by historical and contemporary reflection on the relationship between the sexes. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attribute: PJST.

WGSS 3930. SEX AND GENDER IN SOUTH ASIA. (4 Credits)
In this course, we will explore histories of women, gender, and sexuality in South Asia from the 18th century to the present. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AHC, EP3, GLBL.

WGSS 3931. INTRODUCTION TO GAY AND LESBIAN LITERATURE. (4 Credits)
This course will read texts by a diverse range of Anglophone authors, emphasizing the cultural history of same-sex identity and desire, heteronormativity and oppression, and queer civil protest. It will also consider the problems of defining a queer literary canon, introduce the principles of queer theory, and interrogate the discursive boundaries between the political and personal. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ALC, AMST.

WGSS 4005. QUEER THEORY AND THE AMERICAS. (4 Credits)
Drawing from the often divergent traditions of Anglo and Hispanic America, this course will take an interdisciplinary approach to queer methodologies for cultural and literary studies. Students will encounter foundational queer theoretical texts (both historical and contemporary) as well as novels, plays, and films, and will explore, for themselves, what queerness means and does. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ALC, COLI, ENGL, ICC.

WGSS 4105. RELIGION, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY. (4 Credits)
This course considers the intersections of religion, gender, and sexuality. In many parts of the world, including the United States, and in many religious traditions, cultural and religious identity and continuity hinge on gendered practices and closely controlled sexual regimes. The goal of this course is to understand how religious institutions, communities, doctrines, practices and traditions shape gendered ideologies and practices, debates about sexuality and gender division of labor, and the lives of men and women who participate in these religious communities. The course is organized conceptually; rather than learning about specific religious traditions, we will discuss thematic issues at the intersection of religion, gender, and sexuality. At various junctures we will discuss specific examples that span religious traditions, geographical locations, and historical periods. The course will therefore provide students with a sense of how contemporary and seemingly local debates are rooted in much broader conversations. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AMST, ICC, PLUR.

WGSS 4127. SEMINAR: NOVELS BY WOMEN: JANE AUSTEN TO TONI MORRISON. (4 Credits)
An intensive study of novels by Jane Austen, George Elliot, Virginia Woolf, Zora Neale Hurston, and Toni Morrison. Our reading will be supplemented by literary criticism and historical contextual material. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ALC, ENGL.
Prerequisites: ENGL 1102 and ENGL 2000.

WGSS 4344. REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE. (4 Credits)
The interdisciplinary course will focus on issues in technology and reproduction, emphasizing the view that reproduction is not simply a biological process, but one that is laden with symbolic, political, and ideological meanings. Drawing on the fields of anthropology, sociology, history, public health, law, and science, technology and society. We will examine the contested meanings of reproduction, in particular how reproductive technologies are changing lives around the globe. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: GLBL, ICC.
WGSS 4400. GENDER, BODIES, SEXUALITY. (4 Credits)
This course explores how gender and sexuality shape and organize our lives. We will examine how gender is built into structures, institutions, and ideologies of social life as well as the interaction between gender and other axes of inequality, including race, class, and sexual orientation. The course will examine the experiences of men and women in addition to those who do not fit into these gender categories. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AMST, ICC, PLUR.

WGSS 4800. INTERNSHIP. (4 Credits)
Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

WGSS 4910. INTERNSHIP. (4 Credits)
Placement in an agency or organization that deals with women's issues. Under a faculty member's supervision, the student writes a paper which integrates the internship experience with course work and research. All students meet monthly with the program co-director and one another for group discussions of their work. *This course requires the approval of the Director of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

WGSS 4920. SENIOR PROJECT. (4 Credits)
A substantial project on a subject in Women's Studies submitted, with appropriate documentation, by students in theatre and the visual arts and evaluated by two faculty advisers in their field. All students meet monthly with the program co-director and one another for group discussions of their work. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

WGSS 4930. SENIOR THESIS. (4 Credits)
A substantial paper on a topic in Women's Studies written under the direction of a faculty adviser and a second reader. All students meet monthly with the program co-director and one another for group discussions of their work. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

WGSS 4950. CHRISTIANITY AND SEXUAL DIVERSITY. (4 Credits)
Employing perspectives from history, theological ethics, and LGBT studies, this course will investigate what it means to take queer perspectives on Christianity sexuality, and discipleship. Readings will include biblical, historical, and contemporary materials that seek to illuminate the ways in which Christians and Christian communities have responded to sexual and gender diversity. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ICC, REST.

WGSS 4999. TUTORIAL. (1-5 Credits)