

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

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Read more about the courses within this subject prefix in the descriptions provided below.

WGS 403 - Gender Interactions in College Sports Culture

Credits: 2

An integrative view of growing up as an athlete in American culture. Analysis of major perspectives on human development and implications in sports and education. With emphasis on gender, sexual assault, and racism.

Equivalent(s): WS 403

Grade Mode: Credit/Fail Grading

WGS 405 - Gender, Power and Privilege

Credits: 4

This course explores the diversity of women's lives through the dynamics of status, power, privilege, and inequality in contemporary United States. Students will examine women's diverse experiences by using the theoretical framework of the social construction of race, gender, economic class, and sexual orientation in historical context. We will examine categories of difference and the processes, philosophical developments, institutions, and conditions that lead to and rely on power and privilege in modern American society.

Attributes: Humanities(Disc)

Equivalent(s): WS 405

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 444A - Race Matters

Credits: 4

Class examines race categories in the United States and how these historically changing categories shape our diverse realities across racial, ethnic, gendered, classed, and national identities. Students examine race as a category of difference and explore the multiple ways that individuals claim racial identities. Specific attention focuses on how diverse women have made history in their own lives and in the lives of others by resisting the interlocking systems of oppression.

Attributes: Historical Perspectives(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery)

Equivalent(s): WS 444A

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 505 - Survey in Women's Studies

Credits: 4

In-depth study of topics not covered in regular course offerings. The course explores the breadth and depth of Women's Studies from a historical perspective. In order to understand Women's Studies currently, students look at the historical foundations that contribute social, political, and economic influences on the topics. Barring duplication of topic, may be repeated for credit.

Attributes: Historical Perspectives(Disc); Inquiry (Discovery)

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Equivalent(s): WS 505

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 510 - Framing Feminism: Gender Politics in Film

Credits: 4

This course examines the history of feminist struggle in the U.S. by critically viewing and analyzing diverse films from the 1970s to the present. Students learn about the three waves of feminism and the various sociocultural, economic, sexual and political issues faced by women in the long and ongoing quest to achieve gender equality. Students explore methods of historical inquiry and film criticism to enable complex analyses of historical developments and contemporary arrangements of power. Attention is paid to how multiple identities and forms of oppression intersect in women's diverse lived experiences.

Attributes: Historical Perspectives(Disc)

Equivalent(s): WS 510

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 795 - Independent Study

Credits: 1-4

For advanced students who have the preparation to carry out an individual project of supervised research on a specific women's studies topic. Preparation should include WS 401 or equivalent, and/or other women's studies courses. Barring duplication of topic, may be repeated.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Equivalent(s): WS 795

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 796 - Advanced Topics

Credits: 4

Advanced or specialized topics not normally covered in regular course offerings. May be repeated, but not in duplicate areas.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 2 times.

Equivalent(s): WS 796, WS 796W

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 797 - Internship

Credits: 4

Students gain practical experience in a woman-focused agency or organization. Plan of study and requirements are developed together with a faculty adviser and the student's workplace adviser. Bi-monthly seminar with all internship students and instructor.

Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 2 times.

Equivalent(s): WS 797

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 798W - Colloquium

Credits: 4

Intensive study of specialized topic for advanced students. Topics vary with instructor. Barring duplication of topic, may be repeated for credit.

Attributes: Writing Intensive Course

Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 8 times.

Equivalent(s): WS 798

Grade Mode: Letter Grading

WGS 799H - Honors Thesis

Credits: 4-8

With a faculty sponsor, students enrolled in the honors-in-major program develop an independent, investigative project in women's studies. Written thesis.

Attributes: Honors course

Equivalent(s): WS 799

Grade Mode: Letter Grading