

WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

WGS 132. Introduction to the Family. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as CDF 132. Ecological and systems approach applied to public and private family concepts; historical changes and current status; relationships among individuals, families, consumers, and communities; status of women, men, children and the elderly; public policy related to changes in the family. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for CDF 132.

WGS 201. Intro to Women & Gender Studies. (3 Credits)

A. Introduction to interdisciplinary field of women's, gender, and sexuality studies and feminist scholarship. Provides overview of the intersectionality of gendered experiences, images, and issues from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives. Gen. Ed. Element 6.

WGS 205. Sexualities and Social Issues. (3 Credits)

A. (3). Cross-listed as SOC 205. An examination of the diversity of sexuality and related social issues in the United States and Globally. Topics include culture, history, law, mass media, politics, and religion. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for SOC 205 or WGS 302. Gen. Ed. E-6 [GE].

WGS 300. Topics in Women and Gender Studies:____. (3 Credits)

A. Intensive study of selected topics related to recognizing and validating the experience of women and their contributions to society. May be retaken for a maximum of six hours provided the topics are different. Credit will not be awarded to students who have completed WGS 302, and Special Topics: Gender, Sexuality & Homophobia.

WGS 303. Women in American History. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as HIS 303. Prerequisite: ENG 102, 102R, 105(B), or HON 102; three hours HIS or departmental approval. Social, economic, and cultural role of women in America. Women's work; social position and status; women in reform movements; feminism and the suffrage movements; the new feminism. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for HIS 303.

WGS 304. Gender Perspectives on Contemporary Terrorism. (3 Credits)

A. An interdisciplinary look at contemporary terrorism and U.S. policy. Analyzing the perception of women in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world, with particular focus on American, Iraqi, Afghan, Palestinian, and Muslim women. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for WGS 300 Special Topics; Gender Perspectives on Contemporary Terrorism.

WGS 305. Domestic Violence. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as CRJ 305. Prerequisite: CRJ 101 or PLS 103 or SJS 101 or COR 201 or WGS 201 or departmental approval. Examination of the theoretical and empirical literature on violence against women, children, and elders. Addresses such issues as physical and sexual abuse of children, courtship violence, domestic violence, marital rape, and elder abuse. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for CRJ 305.

WGS 306. Masculinity & Popular Culture. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Exploration of images and ideals of men and masculinity as they have evolved in popular culture due to race, class, culture, age, and sexuality. Prerequisites: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for WGS300 Special Topics: Masculinity & Popular Culture.

WGS 308. Trans Studies. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Prerequisites: ENG102 or 105(B) or HON102. Introduction to emerging field of Trans Studies through exploration of trans history, identities, experiences, politics, and culture in the contemporary U.S. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for WGS 300 Special Topics: Intersexuality & Transexuality.

WGS 309. Women and Trauma. (3 Credits)

(3) Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105 (B) or HON 102. A study of contemporary psychological trauma theories with analysis of historical and contemporary representations of trauma in film, fiction, poetry, and American culture. Credit will not be awarded for both WGS 309 and WGS 300: Women and Trauma.

WGS 310. Historical Costume & Soc Order. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as ADM 310. History of dress from ancient Egypt through the 20th century. Factors which influence the style of dress are studied and relationship between costume of the past and current modes. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for ADM 310.

WGS 311. Biology of Sex. (3 Credits)

I, II. Prerequisites: ENG 102 or ENG 102R, 105(B) or HON 102 or departmental approval. Cross-listed as BIO 305. Fundamental principles related to human sexual reproduction. Structure, function, control, and coordination of the human reproductive system. Problems associated with fertility, sexuality, birth control. STD's and human population will be discussed. May not be used to satisfy area, major or minor requirements for Biology majors. Credit will not be awarded for both BIO 305 and WGS 311.

WGS 331. Marriage and Intimate Relationships. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as CDF 331. The process within and types of intimate relationships in contemporary times. Topics include singlehood, partner selection, marriage, divorce, remarriage, longterm enduring marriage, and factors which affect the success of intimate relationships. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for CDF 331.

WGS 344. Violence Against Women. (3 Credits)

Cross listed as CRJ 344. Prerequisites: Sophmore standing. Explores the social character of violence against women. A variety of theories are utilized to examine this phenomenon at the individual, organizational and societal levels. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for CRJ 344, or CRJ 423 Topical Seminar: Violence Against Women or WGS 300 Special Topics: Violence Against Women.

WGS 349. Applied Learning in Women and Gender Studies. (0.5-8 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: approval of Director of Women and Gender Studies. Work in job placements related to Women's Studies. One to eight hours credit. Minimum of 80 hours employment required for semester hour credit.

WGS 349A. Cooperative Study: Women and Gender Studies. (0.5-8 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: approval of Director of Women and Gender Studies. Work in job placements related to Women and Gender Studies. One to eight hours credit. Minimum of 80 hours employment required for semester hour credit.

WGS 349B. Cooperative Study: Women and Gender Studies. (0.5-8 Credits)

Formerly WMS 349B. Prerequisite: approval of Director of Women and Gender Studies. Work in job placements related to Women and Gender Studies. One to eight hours credit. Minimum of 80 hours employment required for semester hour credit.

WGS 349C. Cooperative Study: Women and Gender Studies. (0.5-8 Credits)

A. Formerly WMS 349C. Prerequisite: approval of Director of Women and Gender Studies. Work in job placements related to Women and Gender. One to eight hours credit. Minimum of 80 hours employment required for semester hour credit.

WGS 364. Women's Literature. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as ENG 364. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105 (B) or HON 102. Study of selected literature by women writers from varying cultures, genres, and periods. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for ENG 364. Gen. Ed Element 6.

WGS 365. Women, Gender, and Religion. (3 Credits)

(3) A. Cross-listed as REL 365. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102. A study of the intersections between feminism and the social impact of religion throughout the world with particular emphasis on the relationship between religion and gender, sexuality, and body politics. Credit will not be awarded for both WGS 365 and REL 365.

WGS 366. Queer Theory and Literatures. (3 Credits)

A. Cross-listed as ENG 366. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105 or HON 102. Examination of trends in Queer Theory; study of major contributors to the field as Foucault, Butler, and Sedgwick; application of theoretical models to literary and cinematic texts. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for ENG 366. Gen. Ed. E-6.

WGS 378. Black Women in History. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as AFA 378. Examines the lives of African-American women from slavery to the present with emphasis on the impact of race, gender, and class issues on their multi-faceted lives as women in America. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for AFA 378.

WGS 380. Gender and Work in the U.S.. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed as OTS 380. Prerequisite: ENG 102 or 105(B) or HON 102 or departmental approval. A survey of occupational science and sociological constructs related to gendered work. Includes content on family-work linkages, gendered organizations, and public policies in the workplace. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for OTS 380, OTS 480, or WGS 480.

WGS 399. Gender and Society. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed as SOC 399. Prerequisites: SOC 131 or SOC 235; ENG 102 or ENG 102R or ENG 105(B) or HON 102. Emphasis on the relationship between the social construction of gender and the experiences of people of all genders in society. Consideration of the cultural and historical construction of gender and identity. Gen. Ed. E-6 [GE]. Credit will not be awarded for both WGS 399 and SOC 399.

WGS 400. Feminist Theory and Practice. (3 Credits)

A. Cross-listed as SJS 400. Prerequisite: WGS 201 or SJS 101 or departmental approval. Examines intersectional development of feminist theory and its implications for continuing feminist scholarship. Includes related research project in students major. Usually offered in the fall semester. Credit will not be awarded for both WGS 400 and SJS 400.

WGS 420. The Psychology of Women and Gender. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as PSY 420. Prerequisite: PSY 240, PSY 300, and completion of all academic readiness indicators in reading; ENG 102 or 102R or ENG 105 (B) or HON 102, or departmental approval. Introduction to current and historical theories and research into the psychology of women, including gender differences and similarities. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for PSY 420.

WGS 446. The Politics of Sex. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as POL 446. The effect of sex on social and political institutions, public policies, and court rulings. Issues may include pornography, sexual and gender discrimination, domestic violence, reproductive rights and gay rights. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for POL 446. Gen. Ed. VIII.

WGS 451. Principles and Politics of Human Rights. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as POL 451. Examines politics of human rights in theory and in practice. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for POL 451.

WGS 495. Independent Study: Women and Gender Studies. (1-5 Credits)

A. Prerequisite: approval of Director of Women and Gender Studies. Study of a special topic in Women and Gender Studies. Proposal must be approved by faculty supervisor and Women and Gender Studies Director prior to enrolling. May be retaken to a maximum of ten hours.

WGS 591. Women's Health. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as HEA 591/791. Analysis of the major health problems of contemporary women with a special emphasis on health promotion, disease prevention, and consumer health concerns. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for HEA 591/791.

WGS 592. Human Sexuality. (3 Credits)

A. Cross listed as HEA 592/792. Study of the biological, social, and psychological aspects of human sexuality. Directed primarily toward those individuals in situations which require them to assist others in understanding the broad impact of one's sexuality. Emphasis is placed upon student development of logical and reasoned justifications for their own value system. Credit will not be awarded to students who have credit for HEA 592/792.