

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Mission Statement:

Gender and sexuality are fundamental categories of social organization and power. Our program examines gender and sexuality as they intersect with race, ethnicity, class, nationality, dis/ability, and other sites of social inequality. Our students critique and evaluate these relations of power within a transnational context. As a discipline grounded in women's studies, we seek to make visible women's contributions and struggles. We affirm a feminist commitment to social justice and engaged citizenship. Feminist and queer theories inform our work as we collaborate across disciplinary boundaries to transform knowledge, practices, and institutions.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze the workings of sex, gender, and sexuality using a variety of disciplinary approaches
2. Understand commonalities and differences among feminist theory, gender theory, and queer theory
3. Critique social institutions, organizations, and practices using feminist, gender, and queer theories
4. Recognize women's contributions and struggles in a transnational and historical context
5. Articulate the ways in which gender and sexuality intersect with other sites of social inequality, such as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, and dis/ability
6. Engage in experiences that apply theoretical frameworks to social action

Curriculum:

Program Requirements: 33 total sch; 15 sch core courses, 3 sch practicum/internship, 15 sch WGS electives.

[Courses in color will need to have designator, title, and/or content modifications.]

Core Courses

- WGS 101 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies [SLO #1, #2]
- SOC 329 Sociology of Gender, cross-listed WGS [SLO #5]
- WGS 340 Transnational Feminisms [SLO #4]
- WGS 410 Feminist, Gender, and Queer Theory [SLO #3]
- WGS 480 Capstone Seminar

The core curriculum consists of 15 sch, plus a 3 sch Practicum/Internship [SLO #6] with any designator. Electives will consist of 15 sch chosen from a broad list of possible course options, of which at least 6 sch need to be at the 300- or 400-level. Honor's Theses will not count toward the capstone requirement, however if a student completes an Honor's Thesis on a WGS topic, then 3 sch of that will count toward the elective total.

Possible Internship/Practicum Courses

- CHF 401 Peer Education
- CHF 496 Field Experience in Human Development and Family Studies

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INT 195 Community Engagement/Service Learning
INT 196 Academic and Career Exploration Internship
WGS 496 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Practicum/Internship

Electives

WGS 2XX Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
WGS 201 Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGS 230 Women, Health, and the Environment
WGS 250 Women and Music
WGS 270 Native American Women (also NAS 270)
WGS 301 Intermediate Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGS 360 Feminism and Cinema (also CMJ 398, ARH 369)
WGS 371 Immigration, Women, and Society (also SOC371)
WGS 401 Advanced Topics in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
WGS 510 Advanced Studies in Feminist, Gender, and Queer Theory
WGS 580 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Pedagogy and Practicum
WGS 520 Research Methodologies in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
ANT 245 Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
ANT 328 S/He: Rituals and Folk Traditions of Gender
CHF 351 Human Sexuality (Sandy Caron)
CHF 451 Family Relationships
CHF 452 Violence in the Family
CLA 201 Women in the Ancient World
CLA 401 Amazons: Myth and Reality
CMJ 225 Sex, Gender and Communication
CMJ 405 Women and Communication
CMJ 410 Social Influence of Mass Communication
CMJ 475 Sexualities in Mass Communication
ENG 246 American Women's Literature
ENG 256 British Women's Literature
ENG 471 Literature, Gender, and Gender Theory
ENG 481 Topics in Women's Literature
ENG 549 Studies in Gender and Literature
HTY 332 Womanhood in America
HTY 494 Women, History, and American Society: Sexuality and the Law
NUR 420 Women's Health
PAX 401 Women Activists: Warriors for Peace and Justice
PHI 236 Feminist Ethical, Social and Political Theory
POS 385 Women and Politics
SOC 330 Perspectives on Women
SOC 371 Immigration, Women, and Society
SWK 330 Contemporary issues in Diversity and Pluralism

Topics Courses that, if contain sustained, systematic study and discussion of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality issues, will count as electives

CHF 404 Topics in Family Studies

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EDS 500 Directed Readings
ENG 129 Topics in English
ENG 229 Topics in Literature
ENG 429 Topics in Literature
ENG 529 Studies in Literature
HED 598 Higher Education Special Topics
SWK 330 Special Topics in Social Work

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