WGS 101 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

An introduction to WGS Studies. From an interdisciplinary perspective, we examine women's and men's positions in Western culture and explore the genesis, the development, and the impact of our culture's assumptions about gender. Cr. 3.

(001, Heather Lakey, TTh 9:30-10:45, #65677)
(002, Rebecca White, MWF 2:00-2:50, #65678)
(003, Jennie Woodard, TTh 12:30-1:45, #65679)
(004, Nicolle Littrell TTh 11:00-12:15, #65680)
(500, Nancy Lewis, MWF 10:00-10:50, #65682)
(990, Mary Okin, Web-based, #65681)

WGS 103 (500) Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

This class provides an overview of the history of non-normative gender and sexual identities, the creation of LGBTQ identities, the political issues surrounding those identities (including cultural representation), and the actualities of living lives claiming LGBTQ identity. No previous knowledge of LGBTQ issues is required, and the prerequisite of WGS 101 can be waived by permission of instructor. General Ed. = Soc. Cont. & Inst., Cult. Div. & Int'l. (Nancy Lewis, TTh 3:30-4:45, #67820) Cr. 3.

WGS 201 (001) Topics in WGS: Social Movements/Media/Change

What is a "social movement?" What is "social media?" How do these intersect along lines of gender, race/ethnicity, class, sexuality and nation? Are Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube transforming social movements? How does online activism translate into social change? This course addresses these exciting questions, drawing on interdisciplinary scholarship and working within a feminist framework. (Nicolle Littrell, TTh 2:00-3:15, #65683) Cr. 3.

WGS 201 (990) / 501 (991) Topics in WGS: Men and Masculinities in Society (Web-based)

This course examines what it means to be a man in Western culture from multiple vantage points and looks at how masculinity is understood, represented, and constructed in society. The major themes are the social construction of gender; gender role stereotypes; privilege and power; the construction of masculinity and violence; men’s health; men in the media; men in the working world and in family life; the socialization of boys; masculinities in sports; and the concept of hegemonic (dominant, normative) versus marginalized masculinities. (Mary Okin, #65684 / #66800) Cr. 3.

WGS 201 (991) / ENG 229 (991) Topics in WGS: Scandalous Women in Literature (Web-based)

Non-conformity and social disgrace! This course examines the women in British and American literature who caused a stir in their social sphere and were forevermore depicted as immoral. Students will discuss and analyze the literature as well as the historical contexts in which the texts were written and will also examine the political, social, cultural, and religious history of the period to better understand the women, or their characters, whose “eccentricities” ostracized them from their communities. (Audrey Le, WGS #65685 / ENG #66419) Cr. 3.

WGS 230 (990) Women, Health, and the Environment (Web-based)

This course examines the roles of women in shaping current practices and policies of the Western healthcare system and related environmental issues. It draws on the work of environmentalists such as Rachel Carson and modern women healers of the body and the ecosystem. Students will be encouraged to engage in transformational work at the local, personal, or global level. Gen. Ed. = Pop. & Envir., Eth. (Sandrea Haggard, #67126) Cr. 3.
WGS 301 (990) / MES 520 (0990) Intermediate Topics in WGS: Maine Women (Web-based)
This course explores women’s experiences in Maine, both historical and current, through a multidisciplinary approach including history, literature, political science, and economics. It considers Maine women individually and collectively as workers, reformers, writers, politicians, and mothers. How have Maine’s environment, culture, economy, and history shaped women’s experiences? How have national movements (for example, abolitionism, temperance, suffrage, welfare reform, ERA) shaped Maine women’s lives? How have women responded to these issues and events? And how have issues of class, gender, and race/ethnicity played out in Maine? Prerequisite: WGS101 or permission. Cross listed as MES (Jennifer Pickard, WGS #66623, MES #68358) Cr. 3

WGS 340 (001) Transnational Feminisms
The constraints of geography on social and cultural arrangements are receding, a process with implications for the world’s women. Transnational feminists provide diverse lenses on women’s work in factories, immigration, sex tourism, etc. General Ed. = Cult. Div. & Int’l (Jennie Woodard, TTh 11:00-12:15, #67127) Cr. 3

WGS 401 (991) / CHF 404 (991) Advanced Topics in WGS: Fatherhood and Families (Web-based)
This course considers research and social issues pertaining to fatherhood, particularly research on nonresident fathering in the context of families and relationships. Participants will explore research on fatherhood, consider fathering in the context of family theory, and articulate and research an area of scholarly interest in fatherhood studies. (Patrick Cheek, WGS #66624; CHF #67785) Cr. 3

WGS 410 (001) Feminist, Gender & Queer Theory
An advanced, interdisciplinary, multicultural introduction to the main traditions of feminist and queer theory. General Education = Ethics. Prerequisites: 6 hours of WGS courses including WGS 101, or permission. (Heather Lakey, TTh 12:30-1:45, #65686) Cr. 3

Departmental Electives in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
These classes in other departments are approved electives for the WGS major and minor. Please check prerequisites.

ANT 245  Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective
Lisa Neuman, TTh 11:00-12:15, #68042

CHF 351  Human Sexuality (Web-based)
Sandy Caron, #65969

CHF 404  Topics in Child Development and Family Life (Web-based)
✓ (990) Conflict and Violence in Intimate Relations
  Renate Klein, #67784
✓ (992) International Perspectives on Gender and Violence
  Renate Klein, #67786

CHF 452  Topics in Family Studies: Violence in the Family (Web-based)
Patrick Cheek, #65983

ENG 246  American Women’s Literature (Web-based)
Leonore Hildebrandt, #66421

ENG 471  Literature, Gender, and Gender Theory
Steven Evans, MWF 11:00-11:50, #66167

HTY 332  Womanhood in America
Rebecca White, TTh 12:30-1:45, #65852

PSY 465  Hormones, Brains and Behavior
Alan Rosenwasser, TTh 2:00-3:25, #67704

SOC 329  Sociology of Gender
Edie Elwood, Th 5:30-8:20, #71256

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