

Gender and Women's Studies (GWS)

Courses

GWS N1B Reading and Composition 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2008 8 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session, Summer 2006 10 Week Session

Training and instruction in expository writing in conjunction with reading literature. The readings and assignments will focus on themes and issues in women's studies.

Hours & Format

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies N1B

GWS R1B Reading and Composition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

Training and instruction in expository writing in conjunction with reading literature. The readings and assignments will focus on themes and issues in gender and women's studies. This course satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 10 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025

Introduction to questions and concepts in gender and women's studies. Critical study of the formation of gender and its intersections with other relations of power, such as sexuality, racialization, class, religion, and age. Questions will be addressed within the context of a transnational world. Emphasis of the course will change depending on the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5-10 hours of lecture and 2-2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 4-5 hours of lecture and 2-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 14 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

The production of gender, sexuality, and processes of racialization in contemporary global political issues. Topics and geographical foci may vary. Examples: the post-9-11 situation in the U.S. and U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; Hindu-Muslim conflict in India; the wars in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; the Israel/Palestine situation; global right-wing movements; state and social movement terrorisms and transnational "security" measures.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 14

GWS 20 Introduction to Feminist Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Why study theory? How, and from where, does the desire to theorize gender emerge? What does theory do? What forms does theory take? What is the relationship between theory and social movements? This course will introduce students to one of the most exciting and dynamic areas of contemporary inquiry.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 24 Freshman Seminars 1 Unit

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

The Freshman and Sophomore Seminars program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to fifteen freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

10 weeks - 1.5 hours of seminar per week

15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 24

GWS 39A Freshman Sophomore Seminar 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 39

GWS 40 Special Topics 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2016, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

The findings of feminist scholarship as they apply to a particular problem, field, or existing discipline. Designed primarily for lower division students and non-majors. Topics vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the Women's Studies announcement of courses for specific semester topics.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 50AC Gender in American Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2024
A multi-disciplinary course designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic gender in American culture.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for GWS 50AC after completing WOMENST 50AC, WOMENST 50, GWS 50, or XGWS 50AC. A deficient grade in GWS 50AC may be removed by taking XGWS 50AC.

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 50AC

GWS 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021
Sophomore seminars are small interactive courses offered by faculty members in departments all across the campus. Sophomore seminars offer opportunity for close, regular intellectual contact between faculty members and students in the crucial second year. The topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 sophomores.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At discretion of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-6 hours of seminar per week
10 weeks - 1.5-3 hours of seminar per week
15 weeks - 1-2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-5 hours of seminar per week
8 weeks - 2-4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 84

GWS 97 Internship 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Internship Program: Field work in an organization concerned with women's issues plus individual conferences with faculty. Students must present a written scope of work to the supervising faculty members before enrolling. Credit earned depends on the amount of written work completed by students that interprets the experience through diaries, historical reports, and creative work done for the organization. Faculty supervisor and student must agree on assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week
8 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week
10 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

GWS 98 Directed Group Study for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Seminars for the group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Enrollment is restricted; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 98

GWS 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Individual research by lower division students only.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Freshmen or sophomores only

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

GWS 100AC Women in American Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2024 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic women in American culture.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 101 Doing Feminist Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

In this course, students will learn to do feminist research using techniques from the arts, humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The teaching of interdisciplinary research skills will focus on practices of gender in a particular domain such as labor, love, science, aesthetics, film, religion, politics, or kinship. Topics will vary depending on the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 101

GWS 102 Transnational Feminism 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

An overview of transnational feminist theories and practices, which address the workings of power that shape our world, and women's practices of resistance within and beyond the U.S. The course engages with genealogies of transnational feminist theories, including analyses of women, gender, sexuality, "race," racism, ethnicity, class, nation; postcoloniality; international relations; post-"development"; globalization; area studies; and cultural studies.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 102

GWS 103 Identities Across Difference 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015

The course studies identity as a product of articulation and investigation of self and other, rather than an inherited marking. Emphasis, for example, may be placed on the complexities of the lived experiences of women of color in the United States and in diverse parts of the world.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 103

GWS 104 Feminist Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

Feminist theory examines the basic categories that structure social life and that condition dominant modes of thought. Feminist theory engages with many currents of thought such as liberalism, Marxism, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, and transnational feminist theory. In this course, students will gain a working knowledge of the range and uses of feminist theory.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 104

GWS 111 Special Topics 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work closely with Gender and Women's Studies faculty, investigating a topic of mutual interest in great depth. Emphasis in on student discussion and collaboration. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Number of units will vary depending on specific course, format, and requirements.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 111

GWS 112 Reproductive Justice 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025

This course will situate the politics of restricting abortion rights in the US within larger issues of politics, economy, society, and culture. The syllabus is constructed to interrogate how and why reproduction became a politicized issue. What the Reproductive Justice Movement is and how it is connected with a range of other social movements. How the history of slavery, settler colonialism, racism, eugenics, and pronatalism have influenced the fights over control of fertility in the US and what people are doing in other parts of the world to claim and protect reproductive autonomy.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Think through the ethical implications of a range of reproduction policies and practices; Become familiar with the basic outlines of political and social struggles around reproduction in the US over the past two centuries; Situate reproduction in larger political, cultural, and social systems; Situate the US present moment in the global context; Analyze reproductive liberty and justice using feminist theoretical approaches

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Nelson

GWS 115 Engaged Scholarship in Women and Gender 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2011, Spring 2010

This class provides students the opportunity to do supervised community service with an organization that relates to women and gender. Students will be placed in an organization and complete an internship throughout the course of the semester. Students will also spend time reflecting on their internship experiences, connecting their service with concepts learned in gender and women's studies classes, and meeting as a group to evaluate and assess issues such as volunteer/unpaid labor, activism and the academy, and the political economy of gender and women's services.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 3 hours of internship per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 5.5 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 116AC Queer Theories: Activist Practices 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011

This class will examine various forms of activist practices and create possibilities for students to participate in community projects that allow them to explore their own definitions of activism, community engagement, and social transformation. As a class, we will consider different types of interventions -- art, law, advocacy, and direct action -- and examine the limits and possibilities of these different forms of social engagement.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of internship per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 120 The History of American Women 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Spring 2011, Fall 2009

This course will survey the history of women in the United States from approximately 1890 to the present, a century of dramatic and fundamental change in the meaning of gender difference. We will examine such topics as work, the family, sexuality, and politics and be attentive to variations in the structure and experience of gender based on race, ethnicity, and class.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 120

GWS 125 Women and Film 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

This course explores the role of women both in front of and behind the camera. It examines the socially constructed nature of gender representations in film and analyzes the position of women as related to the production and reception of films. Emphasis is on feminist approaches that challenge and expose the underlying working of patriarchy in cinema.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 10 and 20

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 125

GWS 126 Film, Feminism, and the Avant-Garde 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2018

Focusing on the creative process while engaging in critical debates on politics, ethics, and aesthetics, the course explores the site where feminist film-making practice meets with and challenges the avant-garde tradition. It emphasizes works that question conventional notions of subjectivity, audience, and interpretation in relation to film making, film viewing, and the cinematic apparatus.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 126

GWS 129 Bodies and Boundaries 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Examines gender and embodiment in interdisciplinary transnational perspective. The human body as both a source of pleasure and as a site of coercion, which expresses individuality and reflects social worlds. Looks at bodies as gendered, raced, disabled/able-bodied, young or old, rich or poor, fat or thin, commodity or inalienable. Considers masculinity, women's bodies, sexuality, sports, clothing, bodies constrained, in leisure, at work, in nation-building, at war, and as feminist theory.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 129

GWS 130AC Gender, Race, Nation, and Health 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Fall 2024

Examines the role of gender in health care status, in definitions and experiences of health, and in practices of medicine. Feminist perspectives on health care disparities, the medicalization of society, and transnational processes relating to health. Gender will be considered in dynamic interaction with race, ethnicity, sexuality, immigration status, religion, nation, age, and disability, and in both urban and rural settings.

Rules & Requirements

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: 130

GWS 131 Gender and Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2017, Spring 2014

Examines historical and contemporary scientific studies of gender, sexuality, class, nation, and race from late 18th century racial and gender classifications through the heyday of eugenics to today's genomics.

Explores the embedding of the scientific study of gender and sexuality and race in different political, economic, and social contexts. Considers different theories for the historical underrepresentation of women and minorities in science, as well as potential solutions. Introduces students to feminist science studies, and discusses technologies of production, reproduction, and destruction that draw on as well as remake gender locally and globally.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 132AC Gender, Race, and Law 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2015

Focusing on the interconnected ways that race, gender, and sexuality are constructed through the law, this course will examine a wide range of historical texts, legal documents, literature, and critical theory. Throughout our course readings, we will be focusing on how these categories of difference inform legal constructions of nation, citizenship, immigration, masculinity, femininity, childhood, the public sphere, and everyday life. Throughout the course, we will be making connections between historical events and the contemporary moment through a consideration of interpretation and implications of legal arguments.

Rules & Requirements

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the American Cultures requirement

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 1 time.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 133AC Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2022, Fall 2019

Explores various ways that human groups and interests, particularly in the United States, have both attached and divorced themselves from other animals, with particular focus on gender, race, ability, and sexuality as the definitional foils for human engagements with animality.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 134 Gender and the Politics of Childhood 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Explores gender and age as interrelated dimensions of social structure, meaning, identity, and embodiment. Emphasis on the gendered politics of childhood--for example, in the social regulation of reproduction; child-rearing, motherhood, fatherhood, care, and rights; the changing global political economy of childhoods and varied constructions of "the child"; child laborers, soldiers, street children; consumption by and for children; growing up in schools, neighborhoods, and families.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 134

GWS C138 Gender and Capitalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020

The 21st century has seen powerful critiques of both growing economic inequality and the troubling persistence of domination based on gender, race and other categorical differences. Gender has a distinctive role here for many reasons: the centrality of gender to social reproduction; the historical coproduction of male domination and capitalism; and the way gender operates in the constitution of selves. Insofar as capitalism is organized and distributes power and profits through gendered structures, and gendered meanings and identities are shaped by their emergence within capitalist logics, it behooves us to think gender and capitalism in tandem. Figuring out how to do that, and sorting out the consequences, is our project in this class.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture and 0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: POLECON C138

GWS 139 Why Work? Gender and Labor Under Capitalism 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2021

This course uses gender as a lens to examine the nature, meaning, and organization of work. Students learn varied conceptual approaches with which to probe such issues as gender and race divisions of labor, the economic significance of caring and other forms of unpaid labor, earnings disparities between men and women, race and class differences in women's work, transnational labor immigration, and worker resistance and organizing.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

GWS 140 Feminist Cultural Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of feminist cultural studies. Drawing upon contemporary theories of representational politics, the specific focus of the course will vary, but the emphasis will remain on the intersections of gender, race, nation, sexuality, and class in particular cultural and critical practices.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 140

GWS 141 Interrogating Global Economic "Development" 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2009

An introduction to women and gender in "development." Addresses theories of "development" (modernization, demographic transition, dependency, world systems, post-development, postcolonial, and transnational feminist); productions and representations of "underdevelopment"; national and international "development" apparatuses; "development" practices about labor, population, resources, environment, literacy, technologies, media; and women's resistance and alternatives.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 141

GWS 142 Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2017

Examines differences and similarities in women's lives in the Muslim/ Arab worlds, including diasporas in Europe and North America. Analysis of issues of gender in relation to "race," ethnicity, nation, religion, and culture.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

GWS 143 Women, Poverty, and Globalization 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009

This course examines new patterns of inequality as they relate to the feminization of poverty in a global and transnational context. It will give students the opportunity to enhance their critical knowledge of new forms of globalization and their impact on the least-privileged group of women locally and globally. It also provides an opportunity for students to work with a local or global non-governmental or community organization with a focus on gender and poverty, and to engage in a systematic analysis of the strategies and practices of these organizations.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

GWS 144 Alternate Sexualities in a Transnational World 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

This course engages with contemporary narrations produced by and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual postcolonial subjects through genres such as autobiography, fiction, academic writing, film, journalism, and poetry. Each semester the focus is geopolitically limited to no more than two countries to allow students to consider the conditions out of which the narrations are produced. Sites and subjects may vary from semester to semester.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 144

GWS C146A Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2018

Cultural Representations of Sexuality: Queer Literary Culture explores a variety of twentieth-century literary texts (poetry, fiction, drama) produced at key moments in the "queer past." Using sound recordings, visual art, and documentary film to enhance our encounter with literary texts, this course seeks to amplify the aesthetic dimensions of queer politics, sociality, culture and counter-culture, through sound and moving image. Over the course of the semester, students will learn to situate literary and text-based modes of expression and circulation within a broader field of cultural production.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Also listed as: LGBT C146A

GWS C146B Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course examines modern visual cultures that construct ways of seeing diverse sexualities. Considering Western conventions of representation during the modern period, we will investigate film, television, and video. How and when do "normative" and "queer" sexualities become visually defined?

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies C146

Also listed as: LGBT C146B

GWS 155 Gender and Transnational Migration 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2011

What economic, social, and cultural forces impel women to migrate and shape their experiences as immigrants? How does gender, together with race/ethnicity and class, affect processes of settlement, community building, and incorporation into labor markets? This course examines gender structures and relations as they are reconfigured and maintained through immigration. It emphasizes the agency of immigrant women as they cope with change and claim their rights as citizens.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 155

GWS C180Y Gender, Sex and Power 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2020
Gender, sex, and power shape and influence our cultural and social world in obvious and in hidden ways. Bay Area artists and activists focus on illuminating, shifting, redefining, and making use of the juncture of gender, sex, and power to bring about new opportunities and new futures. We will first explore the terrain of academic definitions of gender, sex, power and the connections among them, emphasizing how gender/sex/power is interlinked with racism, classism, colonialism, and dis/ablism. Topics addressed will include: labor, migration and belonging; food, shelter, and land; health and health care; sexuality and love; and politics and political action.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: L & S C180Y

GWS 181AC Prison Abolition 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2017
This course introduces students to the long history of the prison in the American experience, and does so by engaging ideas, movements, and practices to craft worlds of care and mutuality beyond the harms that the prison produces and legitimates. Taking a broad interdisciplinary approach, the course engages with the full range of "carceral geographies" in which social life is penetrated with the state's power to surveil, arrest, judge, and punish its citizens; as well as the "abolition geographies" that, in Ruth Wilson Gilmore's terms, combine resources, creativity, and commitment to create freedom as a place where all life/lives are precious.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Feldman, Turner Kerrison, Stanley, Hawkins Owen

Also listed as: ETH STD 181AC/SOC WEL 185AC

GWS 194A Unity Theme Program Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020

This course is designed to provide students with an introductory exploration of issues of sexuality and gender through community-centered praxis, democratic education, and dialogue. In a culturally and socially diverse society, discussion of differences is needed to facilitate understanding and build relationships among people, as well as to bring awareness to and address social inequities. Through this course, students will explore their own and others' narratives in various social and institutional contexts, while learning from each other's perspectives in community. Students will also explore ways of taking action to engage in social justice work and create social change at the interpersonal, community, and institutional levels.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

GWS 194B UNITY THEME PROGRAM SEMINAR 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course is designed to provide students with an introductory exploration of queer theory and its intersections with leadership development. Students will engage in a multifaceted approach of learning through discussions in the academic seminar integrated with contextual education taking place in the community. By integrating knowledge of and experiences with issues affecting queer and trans communities, students will explore the importance of challenging dominant leadership paradigms as they develop their own identities as leaders. Students will also explore ways to turn social justice knowledge and conversation into tangible actions and work to create social change at the interpersonal, community, and institutional levels.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

GWS 195 Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This seminar is required of all seniors majoring in gender and women's studies, with the exception of seniors enrolled in GWS H195. Students will engage in intensive seminar-style study of a topic determined by the faculty leader.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 195

GWS H195 Gender and Women's Studies Senior Honors Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2018

Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 15 upper division units in Gender and Women's Studies; 3.3 GPA in all University work and 3.3 GPA in courses in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies H195

GWS H195A Honor's Thesis A 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

This seminar is required of seniors in majoring in gender and women's studies who have qualified for and elected to pursue honors in the major. Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the work. In the first semester, students

will be expected to establish a research plan and undertake original research on a focused topic. In the second semester, students will be expected to complete the writing of the honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: GWS 101 is a prerequisite

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Alternative to final exam.

GWS H195B Honor's Thesis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024

This seminar is required of seniors in majoring in gender and women's studies who have qualified for and elected to pursue honors in the major. Entails writing a bachelor's honors thesis pertaining to the student's major in gender and women's studies. Each student will work under the guidance of a faculty adviser who will read and grade the work. In the first semester (GWS H195A), students will be expected to establish a research plan and undertake original research on a focused topic. In the second semester (GWS H195B), students will be expected to complete the writing of the honors thesis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: GWS H195A is a prerequisite

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Alternative to final exam.

GWS C196A UCDC Core Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012

This course is the UCDC letter-graded core seminar for 4 units that complements the P/NP credited internship course UGIS C196B. Core seminars are designed to enhance the experience of and provide an intellectual framework for the student's internship. UCDC core seminars are taught in sections that cover various tracks such as the Congress, media, bureaucratic organizations and the Executive Branch, international relations, public policy and general un-themed original research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196B (must be taken concurrently)

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 4.5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: HISTART C196A/HISTORY C196A/MEDIAST C196A/
POL SCI C196A/POLECON C196A/SOCIOL C196A/UGIS C196A

GWS C196B UCDC Internship 6.5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

This course provides a credited internship for all students enrolled in the UCDC and Cal in the Capital Programs. It must be taken in conjunction with the required academic core course C196A. C196B requires that students work 3-4 days per week as interns in settings selected to provide them with exposure to and experience in government, public policy, international affairs, media, the arts or other areas or relevance to their major fields of study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: C196A (must be taken concurrently)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 20 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Also listed as: HISTART C196B/HISTORY C196B/MEDIAST C196B/
POL SCI C196B/POLECON C196B/SOCIOL C196B/UGIS C196B

GWS C196W Special Field Research 10.5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Students work in selected internship programs approved in advance by the faculty coordinator and for which written contracts have been established between the sponsoring organization and the student. Students will be expected to produce two progress reports for their faculty coordinator during the course of the internship, as well as a final paper for the course consisting of at least 35 pages. Other restrictions apply; see faculty adviser.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 12 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 25 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5 hours of seminar and 60 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar and 50 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: 196W

Also listed as: HISTART C196W/HISTORY C196W/MEDIAST C196W/
POL SCI C196W/POLECON C196W/SOCIOL C196W/UGIS C196W

GWS 197 Internship 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2017

Internship Program: Field work in an organization concerned with women's issues plus individual conferences with faculty. Students must present a written scope of work to the supervising faculty members before enrolling. Credit earned depends on the amount of written work completed by students that interprets the experience through diaries, historical reports, and creative work done for the organization. Faculty supervisor and student must agree on assignments.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

8 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

10 weeks - 10 hours of internship per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 197

GWS 198 Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Seminars for group study of selected topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses. Topics will vary from year to year.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 198

GWS 199 Supervised Independent Study for Advanced Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Reading and conference with the instructor in a field that does not coincide with that of any regular course and is specific enough to enable students to write an essay based upon their studies.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Gender and women's studies major

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 199

GWS 200 Theory and Critical Research 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

This course will provide an opportunity for the examination of diverse feminist theories produced in different disciplines and across disciplines. The course will ground contemporary philosophical and theoretical developments in the study of gender to specific histories of class, race, ethnicity, nation, and sexuality. Participants in the class will be urged to draw upon their own disciplinary and interdisciplinary backgrounds and interests to produce multifaceted analyses of how feminist theory has acted to delimit the study of women in some instances as well as how it may be used critically and imaginatively to open the field in complex and dynamic ways. Graduate students research and write a substantial (25-50 page) paper for the course. They will also participate in organizing and leading class discussion on a rotating basis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor, 104, or the equivalent

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 200

GWS 210 Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

A cross-disciplinary examination of specific problems in the study of gender, women, and sexuality. Topics will vary; for example, representations of motherhood, women in the public sphere, work and gender, globalization of gender, and the history of sexuality.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 104 or equivalent and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 210

GWS 220 Research Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Members of the seminar will present their ongoing dissertation research and mutually explore the interdisciplinary dimensions and implications of their work.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to graduate students advanced to Ph.D. candidacy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 220

GWS 230 Transnational Feminist Theories 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2012, Fall 2011

The aim of this course is to provide graduate students with an understanding of transnational feminist theories so that they may more effectively engage with this area of scholarship, but moreover so that they may critically and creatively contribute to it through their own writing.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 231 Proseminar in Transnational Gender and Women's Studies 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Designed to encourage dialogue around themes related to transnational gender and women's studies, this proseminar is organized around colloquia, panels, and conferences sponsored by the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, the Beatrice Bain Research Group, the Center for Race and Gender, the Center for the Study of Sexual Cultures, and (as relevant) other campus units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

GWS 232 Transnational Feminist Approaches to Knowledge Production 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course focuses on incorporating the analytic power of transnational feminist studies in academic research projects and practices. It examines the ways in which interdisciplinary and transnational approaches to gender and women replicate, challenge, reconfigure, and transform the emergence of new knowledge frames, analytics, and research practices. Students in this course will explore these and other questions in the context of their own research projects.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 235 Capitalism, Gender and the Present Moment 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2021, Fall 2018

Capitalism is often seen as a system that overrides everything in its path. However, a closer look at its development suggests that it emerged and still operates within and in relation to gender and racial domination, reconstituting those meanings and systems in turn. In this seminar, we will investigate that imbrication, exploring the role and constitution of gender and race in ongoing primitive accumulation, in the labor of social reproduction, and in the unfolding of the neoliberal present. Over the course of the semester, we will explore exploitation's ongoing operations amid a broad terrain of appropriation by other means.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 236 Diaspora, Border, and Transnational Identities 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2016, Fall 2013

This course will study debates around the notions of home, location, migrancy, mobility, and dislocation by focusing on issues of gender and sexuality. We will examine the ways in which various cultural flows have fundamentally challenged and changed the nature of global economy by expanding mobility of capital, labor, and systems of representations in a transnational context. We will also look at the impact of new technologies in production, distribution, communication, and circulation of cultural meanings and social identities by linking nationalism, immigration, diaspora, and globalization to the process of subject formation in a postcolonial context.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 237 Transnational Science, Technology, and New Media 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Fall 2008

This is a core class of the new Ph.D in Transnational Gender and Women's Studies. It will expose students to critical thinking about science, technology, and new media. The class explores intersections of gender and women's studies with science, technology, engineering, medicine, and new media around the world; including women in science; transnational feminist science and technology studies; technologies of reproduction, production and destruction; divisions of scientific and technical labor; embodiment and subjectivity; digital divides, digital consumption, embodiment, and circulation; modernist projects of categorization; and the making and breaking of gendered bodies. It mixes secondary sources with primary sources, and among the primary sources, mixes scientific and technical documents with new media and the arts.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 238 Feminist Bio-Politics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010

This course is divided into three sections, Theorists and Methods, The Sciences of Life, and Bio-and-Necro-politics, and within each section there are further thematic headings. The course serves both to introduce graduate students to science and technology studies and to introduce new works and directions in the field. The syllabus foregrounds the life and biomedical sciences, and thematizes space and trans-place, time and genealogy, disciplines and inter-disciplines, method and/as theory, identity and governance, ethics and objectivity, knowledge and stratification, security and transparency.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 250 Queer Translation 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2014, Fall 2010

This seminar aims for both a familiarization and a potential reworking of selected contemporary debates in queer theory: those concerning migration, race, globalization, and movements of theory. How do queer theories, queer theories-as-practice, queer practices travel? Furthermore, do critiques of stability found in queer theory invite presumptions of mobility? We will interrogate the shadow of "mobility" in queer theory by considering queer tourism, gender identity, sub-class labor migration, and the outer zones of citizenship.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

GWS 299 Individual Study and Research 1 - 9 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

For students engaged in individual research and study. May not be substituted for available graduate lecture courses.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-9 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-17 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Gender and Women's Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Formerly known as: Women's Studies 299