Gender and Women's Studies (GWS)

Courses

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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.
Reading and Composition: Read More [+]
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
Reading and Composition: Read Less [-]

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.
Reading and Composition: Read More [+]
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.
Reading and Composition: Read Less [-]

GWS 10 Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
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.
Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies: Read More [+]
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.
Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies: Read Less [-]

GWS 14 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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 Israeli/Palestine situation; global right-wing movements; state and social movement terrorisms and transnational "security" measures.
Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues: Read More [+]
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
Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues: Read Less [-]
GWS 20 Introduction to Feminist Theory 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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.
Introduction to Feminist Theory: Read More [+]

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.
Freshman Seminars: Read More [+]

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
Freshman Seminars: Read Less [-]

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.
Freshman Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

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
Freshman Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

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.
Special Topics: Read More [+]

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.

Special Topics: Read Less [-]
GWS 50AC Gender in American Culture 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
A multi-disciplinary course designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic gender in American culture.
Gender in American Culture: Read More [+]
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: 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
Gender in American Culture: Read Less [-]

GWS 84 Sophomore Seminar 1 or 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
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.
Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]
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
Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

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.
Internship: Read More [+]
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.
Directed Group Study for Undergraduates: Read More [+]
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
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 98
Directed Group Study for Undergraduates: Read Less [-]
GWS 99 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020
Individual research by lower division students only.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

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.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

GWS 100AC Women in American Culture 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to work with faculty investigating the topic women in American culture.
Women in American Culture: Read More [+]

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 101
Doing Feminist Research: Read Less [-]

GWS 101 Doing Feminist Research 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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.
Doing Feminist Research: Read More [+]

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
Doing Feminist Research: Read Less [-]

GWS 102 Transnational Feminism 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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.
Transnational Feminism: Read More [+]

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
Transnational Feminism: Read Less [-]
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.
Identities Across Difference: Read More [+]

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

Identities Across Difference: Read Less [-]

GWS 104 Feminist Theory 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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.
Feminist Theory: Read More [+]

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

Feminist Theory: Read Less [-]

GWS 111 Special Topics 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session
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.
Special Topics: Read More [+]

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

Special Topics: Read Less [-]

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.
Engaged Scholarship in Women and Gender: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

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.

Engaged Scholarship in Women and Gender: Read Less [-]
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.
Queer Theories: Activist Practices: Read More [+]

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.
Queer Theories: Activist Practices: Read Less [-]

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.
The History of American Women: Read More [+]

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
The History of American Women: Read Less [-]

GWS 125 Women and Film 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2012
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.
Women and Film: Read More [+]

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: Fall 2022, Spring 2018, Fall 2016
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.
Film, Feminism, and the Avant-Garde: Read More [+]

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
Film, Feminism, and the Avant-Garde: Read Less [-]
GWS 129 Bodies and Boundaries 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Summer 2022 First 6 Week Session
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.

Bodies and Boundaries: Read More [+]

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 2023, Spring 2023, Summer 2022 8 Week Session
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.

Gender, Race, Nation, and Health: Read More [+]

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.

Gender and Science: Read More [+]

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 - 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 132AC Gender, Race, and Law 4 Units
Terms offered: 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.

Gender, Race, and Law: Read More [+]

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.

Gender, Race, and Law: Read Less [-]
GWS 133AC Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2019, Spring 2018
Explodes 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.

Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures: Read More [+]

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.

Women, Men, and Other Animals: Human Animality in American Cultures: Read Less [-]

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; childrearing, 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.

Gender and the Politics of Childhood: Read More [+]

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

Gender and the Politics of Childhood: Read Less [-]

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.

Gender and Capitalism: Read More [+]

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

Gender and Capitalism: Read Less [-]

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

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2017
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.

Why Work? Gender and Labor Under Capitalism: Read More [+]

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.

Why Work? Gender and Labor Under Capitalism: Read Less [-]
GWS 140 Feminist Cultural Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 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.
Feminist Cultural Studies: Read More [+]

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
Feminist Cultural Studies: Read Less [-]

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.
Interrogating Global Economic "Development": Read More [+]

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
Interrogating Global Economic "Development": Read Less [-]

GWS 142 Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2017, Spring 2016
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.
Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds: Read More [+]

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.
Women in the Muslim and Arab Worlds: Read Less [-]

GWS 143 Women, Proverty, 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.
Women, Proverty, and Globalization: Read More [+]

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.
Women, Proverty, and Globalization: Read Less [-]
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.
Alternate Sexualities in a Transnational World: Read More [+]

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.
Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture: Read More [+]

 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 C146A

GWS C146B Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2020
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?
Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture: Read More [+]

 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
Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Visual Culture: Read Less [-]

GWS 155 Gender and Transnational Migration 4 Units
Terms offered: 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.
Gender and Transnational Migration: Read More [+]

 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
Gender and Transnational Migration: Read Less [-]
GWS C180Y Gender, Sex and Power 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, 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, and 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.
Gender, Sex and Power: Read More [+]

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 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.
Unity Theme Program Seminar: Read More [+]

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.
UNITY THEME PROGRAM SEMINAR: Read Less [-]

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.
UNITY THEME PROGRAM SEMINAR: Read More [+]

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.
UNITY THEME PROGRAM SEMINAR: Read Less [-]

GWS 195 Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
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.
Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar: Read More [+]

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
Gender and Women's Studies Senior Seminar: Read Less [-]
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 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. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Alternative to final exam.

Honor's Thesis A: Read Less [-]

GWS H195B Honor's Thesis 4 Units
Terms offered: 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.

Honor's Thesis: Read Less [-]
GWS C196A UCDC Core Seminar 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 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, 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.
UCDC Core Seminar: Read More [+]

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
UCDC Core Seminar: Read Less [-]

GWS C196B UCDC Internship 6.5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 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.
UCDC Internship: Read More [+]
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
UCDC Internship: Read Less [-]
GWS C196W Special Field Research 10.5 Units
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.
Special Field Research: Read More [+]
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/USP SCI C196W/POLECON C196W/SOCIOL C196W/UGIS C196W
Special Field Research: Read Less [-]

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.
Internship: Read More [+]
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
Internship: Read Less [-]

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.
Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates: Read More [+]
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
Directed Group Study for Advanced Undergraduates: Read Less [-]
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 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2020
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 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
Members of the seminar will present their ongoing dissertation research and mutually explore the interdisciplinary dimensions and implications of their work.
Research Seminar: Read More [+]

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.

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.
Transnational Feminist Theories: Read More [+]

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 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.

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.

Proseminar in Transnational Gender and Women's Studies: Read More [+]

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.

Transnational Feminist Approaches to Knowledge Production: Read More [+]

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
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.
Queer Translation: Read More [+]

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.
Queer Translation: Read Less [-]

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.
Individual Study and Research: Read More [+]

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
Individual Study and Research: Read Less [-]