

Women's and Gender Studies (WGST)

Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

WGST 1808 [1.0 credit]

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Overview of the major issues in women's and gender studies. Topics include the social construction of femininity and masculinity, violence, sexuality, representations of women, the treatment of women in the workplace and in education, women and the arts, and women's health. Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2800 [0.5 credit]

Intersectional Identities

Critical examination of the multiple intersections between gender, as a relation of power and social identity, as these intersect with (neo)colonialism, racism, poverty, ableism and heterosexism in a globalized world.

Prerequisite(s): one of WGST 1808, HUMR 1001, FYSM 1402 or FYSM 1403 or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2801 [0.5 credit]

Activism, Feminisms, and Social Justice

A comparative, interdisciplinary examination of feminist activism in the modern era. A range of perspectives and materials are used to examine the objectives, scope, and impact of feminists' efforts to effect social and political change in different historical, cultural, and national settings.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2803 [0.5 credit]

Body Matters: The Politics of Bodies

Introduction to feminist studies of globalization and politics of bodies. Globalization of ideas, cultures, economics and politics, movement of bodies, bodies as spaces for disrupting norms of sex, gender, race, class, ability, sexuality, embodiment and embodied resistance in a globalized world.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2807 [0.5 credit]

Issues in Reproductive Health

Global health challenges affecting the lives of women, men and children. Topics may include reproductive health, innovations in health research, caring and mothering, violence, ageing, health as a right, poverty and health, assistive reproductive technologies, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS, contraceptives and abortion. Lectures and discussion three hours per week.

WGST 2811 [0.5 credit]

Masculinities

Theoretical, experiential, cultural and policy issues around masculinities studies. The complexities of masculinities; the intersections of feminist and masculinity studies.

Topics may include hegemonic, racialized, homosexual, and Other(ed) masculinities. Feminist theories and transnational perspectives frame course content and discussions.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2812 [0.5 credit]

Selected Topics in Women's and Gender Studies

An interdisciplinary analysis of one or more topics in women's and gender studies.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week. This course is repeatable when the topic changes.

WGST 2814 [0.5 credit]

Gender, Sexuality and Cultural Production

How gender and cultural (re)production (literature, visual/performing arts, social media) and consumption articulate, circulate, and transform each other within economic, political, and social contexts. Emphasis on role, object, processes, and representations.

Prerequisite(s): second-year standing.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 3803 [0.5 credit]

Feminisms and Transnationalism

Feminist analyses of the diversity of transnational experiences around rights, health, education, motherhood, fathering, work, social media and technological change, among others. Topics may include: migration, environment, wars/conflicts, neocolonialism, diaspora, human trafficking, refugee issues and displaced populations.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing, and 1.0 credit in WGST; or permission of the Institute.

WGST 3804 [0.5 credit]

Gender and Literature

Study of autobiographical writing, novels, short stories, and poetry by women writing primarily since 1970 in a variety of cultural settings. Cross-cultural point of view informed by feminist literary theory. All texts available in English translation.

Precludes additional credit for WOMN 3002 [1.0] and WGST 3004 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 3806 [0.5 credit]**Girlhoods**

The emerging discipline of girlhood studies; social and cultural constructions of girlhood and categories of difference. Topics may include the commercialization of girlhood, popular culture and girls, negotiating identities, violence, sexualities, agency and activism in a globalizing world.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 3807 [0.5 credit]**Gendered Violence**

Theories, concepts and contexts of the complex manifestations of gendered violence in the lives of women, men and children globally.

Precludes additional credit for WGST 3005 Section "A", if taken in Winter 2012 and WGST 3005 Section "A" if taken in Fall 2009.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 3809 [0.5 credit]**Feminist Thought**

Interdisciplinary approach introducing students to contemporary feminist thought and theories. Themes, issues and conflicts in feminist theorizing, including: debates around the concept of 'woman', sex wars, the politics of difference, epistemology, ontology, feminist knowledge, and power.

Precludes additional credit for WOMN 3808 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 3810 [0.5 credit]**Feminist Research**

Examination of feminist methodologies and critiques of prevailing approaches to the construction of knowledge. Feminist epistemology, subjectivity, and ethics in feminist research are central themes.

Precludes additional credit for WOMN 3808 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST, or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 3812 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Women's and Gender Studies**

An interdisciplinary analysis of one or more topics in women's and gender studies.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST.

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 4003 [0.5 credit]**Transitions in Women's and Gender Studies**

Interdisciplinary overview of key historical concepts and issues in Women's and Gender Studies in the areas of theory, epistemology, and research design. Topics will vary from year to year. Provides additional background for students entering Women's and Gender Studies from other disciplines.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Institute.

Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 5003, for which additional credit is precluded.

Seminar three hours a week.

WGST 4800 [0.5 credit]**Women's and Gender Studies Practicum**

Experience in research through a combination of classroom seminars and a field placement. Each project will be negotiated individually as a contract between the student, instructor and institutional partner.

Precludes additional credit for WGST 4903 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): WGST 3809 and WGST 3810, and fourth-year standing with a minimum 6.5 CGPA in B.A. Hons. Women's and Gender Studies program or permission of the Institute.

WGST 4801 [1.0 credit]**Women's and Gender Studies Practicum**

Experience in applied feminisms through a combination of classroom seminars and internship. Each project will be negotiated individually as a contract between the student, instructor and institutional partner. Students must complete both the in-class and the internship portion of the course. Precludes additional credit for WGST 4800, WGST 4903 and WGST 4904 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): WGST 3809, WGST 3810, and fourth-year standing with a minimum 6.5 CGPA in B.A. Hons. Women's and Gender Studies program or permission of the Institute.

Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 5920, for which additional credit is precluded.

This full-credit course is offered intensively in one term.

WGST 4803 [0.5 credit]**Globalized Bodies**

Capstone course on globalization. Considers issues of migration, diaspora, globalization, territoriality, citizenship, human and sex trafficking, and human security in a globalized world, among others.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

WGST 4804 [0.5 credit]**Digital Lives in Global Spaces**

Capstone seminar in culture and production, digital worlds and globalization. Current debates and emerging issues in popular cultural productions in the areas of arts, literature, music, performance, film or digital and social media.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Seminar three hours a week.

WGST 4807 [0.5 credit]**Gender and Health in a Globalized World**

Capstone course on health. Considers issue of health in a global context, including the environment and health, technologies and health, gender and health, access to health care, and reproductive rights.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Seminar three hours a week.

WGST 4809 [0.5 credit]**Feminist Theory**

Advanced analyses of contemporary feminist theories. The contributions of, and tensions between, various feminist theoretical frameworks.

Precludes additional credit for WGST 4906 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in Women's and Gender Studies and WGST 3809, or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Seminar three hours a week.

WGST 4811 [1.0 credit]**Honours Research Project in Women's and Gender Studies**

Students will undertake a major research project on some aspect of women's and gender studies under the supervision of a faculty member.

Prerequisite(s): a major CGPA of at least 11.00, plus WGST 3809 and WGST 3810 and fourth-year standing in B.A. Hons. Women's and Gender Studies program, or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

WGST 4812 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Women's and Gender Studies**

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and 1.0 credit in Women's and Gender Studies or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Seminar three hours a week. This course is repeatable when the topic changes.

WGST 4814 [0.5 credit]**Independent Study**

Reading or research course supervised by a faculty member. Written proposal approved by the supervisor must be submitted before last day of course changes. Normally, only 0.5 credit of independent study may be counted in the program.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in a Women's and Gender Studies program or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

WGST 4815 [0.5 credit]**Women in Management**

Organizational and personal challenges arising from changing gender roles and the increased participation of women in management and professional organizational roles.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing, and one of: (BUSI 2101 and BUSI 3103) or WGST 1808 [1.0] with a grade of C- or higher in each.

Lectures three hours a week.