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WGST 1808 [1.0 credit]

Introduction to Feminist Social Transformation

Overview of intersectional feminist debates as well as historical and contemporary theoretical traditions in gender and sexuality studies, critical race studies, and disability studies. Topics include the social construction of femininity, masculinity, and other identifications; Indigenous, decolonial, and transnational feminisms.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for FYSM 1402.

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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): one of WGST 1808, HRSJ 1001, FYSM 1402, 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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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 2810 [0.5 credit]

Sex For Sale

Explores feminist perspectives on the sex industry, critically analyzing various legal approaches to regulation and the social meanings assigned to sex work.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): Second year standing and WGST 1808 or FYSM 1402.

Lecture 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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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 3001 [0.5 credit]

Theory and Research in Feminist Social Transformation

Interdisciplinary and intersectional approach introducing students to contemporary feminist, Indigenous, decolonial, and transnational theories, issues, conflicts, methodologies, and critiques of prevailing approaches to the construction of knowledge. Themes include, feminist epistemology, ontology, knowledge, and ethics in feminist research.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for WGST 3809 (no longer offered), WGST 3810 (no longer offered).

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

Lecture 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 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.

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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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

Lecture three hours a week.

WGST 4003 [0.5 credit]**Traversing Feminisms**

Interdisciplinary overview of key historical concepts and issues in Women's and Gender Studies in areas of theory, epistemology, and research design. This course is designed for students pursuing research/studies in WGST, DBST, CRST, and/or SXST who have not taken any courses in our institute.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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 4060 [0.5 credit]**African Feminisms**

African feminisms as theoretical interventions and as political practice, and as diverse forms. Gender as a marker of power: status, hierarchy, social capability, and as a system of distribution of resources, responsibilities and solidarities.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as AFRI 4060.

Prerequisite(s): Fourth year standing and WGST 1808 or FYSM 1402 OR permission of the Institute.

Seminar three hours per week.

WGST 4302 [0.5 credit]**Transgender Human Rights**

Critical analyses of human rights through an examination of transgender subjectivities. The systemic erasure of trans people within society and the struggles of some activists to normalize trans identities.

Also listed as HRSJ 4302.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing.

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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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

Prerequisite(s): Fourth year standing and WGST 3001 OR WGST 3809 (no longer offered) and WGST 3810 (no longer offered), 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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for WGST 4800, WGST 4903 and WGST 4904 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): Fourth year standing and WGST 3001 OR WGST 3809 (no longer offered) and WGST 3810 (no longer offered) 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 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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): A major CGPA of at least 11.00, plus WGST 3809 and WGST 3810 OR WGST 3001 and fourth-year standing in B.A. Hons. Women's and Gender Studies program, or permission of the Institute.

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

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

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