WGST - WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES (WGST)

WGST U101 Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies 3 Credit Hours
Gender and its intersection with other social constructs of difference (ethnicity, class, sexuality, and age). A brief overview of feminism as a social movement and a body of scholarship concerned with equality between men and women, and among women, is also presented. Topical debates address marriage, work, reproductive politics, masculinity, media culture, and other gendered issues.

WGST U301 Feminist Theory & Methods 3 Credit Hours
Philosophical exploration of feminist theories and feminist methods of inquiry.
Prerequisite(s): PHIL U102, or SOCY U101, or WGST U101, or consent of instructor.

WGST U345 Girls' Studies 3 Credit Hours
Cultural representation, social rhetoric, and lived experience of girls and girlhood. Activities include a service-learning project that involves mentoring girls in the local community.
Prerequisite(s): WGST U101, SOCY U101, PSYC U101, or consent of instructor.

WGST U355 U.S. Women's Movement 3 Credit Hours
In-depth, interdisciplinary perspectives on U.S. women's activism, actions and resistance strategies.
Prerequisite(s): WGST U101, or WGST U301, or consent of instructor.

WGST U365 LGBTQ Studies 3 Credit Hours
Social, historical, theoretical contexts for understanding LGBTQ people, cultures, representations, and perspectives. Major thematic concerns and methodologies are presented in relation to the development of LGBTQ Studies as an academic discipline.

WGST U375 Feminist Disability Studies 3 Credit Hours
Social, historical, and theoretical contexts for understanding disability as a gendered phenomenon. Limitations of the medial model of disability are contrasted with alternative models generated by disabled feminists to resist and replace negative cultural discourses of disability.

WGST U380 Gender, Disability, and Eugenics: US and Germany, 1900-1945 3 Credit Hours
Comparison of eugenic practices, including hospitalization, medical experimentation, sterilization, euthanasia, infanticide, and extermination of disabled people, as well as the disproportionate impact of these practices on women, children, and LGBT people.

WGST U385 Mad Feminism 3 Credit Hours
Social, historical, and theoretical contexts for understanding psychiatric disability as a gendered phenomenon. Limitations of the medical model of psychiatric disability are contrasted with alternative models of mental difference generated by feminist psychologists, feminist psychiatric disability studies, and the mad pride movement.

WGST U398 Topics in Women's and Gender Studies 3 Credit Hours
Area of study not covered in permanent offerings, to be planned around a faculty member's current research.
Prerequisite(s): WGST U101 or consent of instructor.

WGST U399 Independent Study 1-3 Credit Hours
An individualized program of study in the student's area of interest and in consultation with a faculty member. May be repeated for total of no more than 6 hours of credit.
Prerequisite(s): WGST U101; junior or senior standing; GPA 2.0 overall, 2.5 in Women's and Gender Studies courses; a minimum of 6 hours in courses approved for the Women's and Gender Studies minor numbered 300 and above; and consent of instructor.

WGST U499 Internship 1-3 Credit Hours
Supervised professional experience or project with selected community organizations. For each credit hour a minimum of 45 hours of supervised work and periodic consultation with the instructor are required. May be repeated for total of no more than 6 hours of credit.
Prerequisite(s): WGST U101; junior or senior standing; GPA of 2.0 overall, 2.5 in Women's and Gender Studies courses; a minimum of 6 hours in courses approved for the Women's and Gender Studies minor numbered 300 and above; and consent of instructor.