

WOMEN'S STUDIES (WS)

WS100 Dialogue & Diversity: Race & Privilege (1 Credits)

This learning seminar requires active listening and participation in dialogue about race and privilege. Students gain greater cultural self-awareness and demonstrate perspective-taking. Students will pose more complex questions about ethnic, racial, and other communities outside their own experience.

WS201 Women & Religion (3 Credits)

This course will examine the status of women as defined by traditional religion and as reconstructed by feminist theological work. Students will explore the roles of women within the following major religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, as well as within new religious movements, including Wicca.

WS213 Women & the Bible (3 Credits)

In this course, the student will investigate selected passages from the Bible that affect or pertain to women. The student will study these texts and traditions from the viewpoint of feminist biblical scholarship. The study will include an introduction to the methodology of feminist hermeneutics, theological traditions about women, as well as a careful study of chosen narratives, speeches, dialogues, and prayers about or by women in the Bible. Applicable to Women's Studies minor.

WS217 Women in Literature I (3 Credits)

A comprehensive, chronological survey of the literary tradition regarding women from the Middle Ages to the present. Explores the British tradition. Emphasis on the relationship of women to society, women writers and the developing tradition of feminist literary criticism. Applicable to Women's Studies minor.

Prerequisite(s): EN111 or equivalent or EN221, and any 100-level English literature course.

WS218 Women in Literature II (3 Credits)

A comprehensive, chronological survey of the literary tradition regarding women from the Middle Ages to the present. Explores the American tradition. Emphasis on the relationship of women to society, women writers, and the developing tradition of feminist literary criticism. Applicable to Women's Studies minor.

Prerequisite(s): EN111 or equivalent or EN221, and any 100-level English literature course.

WS242 Psychology of Gender (3 Credits)

Impact of innate and socialized sex differences on self-image, self-esteem, achievement, the family; sex-role stereotyping effects and cross-cultural comparisons. Applicable to Women's Studies minor.

WS280 Selected Topics in Women's Studies (3 Credits)

This course gives the students the opportunity to explore the discipline of women's studies in depth. Special areas of study will be based on student interest. One topic will be explored intensively for the total course content. The course may be repeated for the majoring or minoring student when differing topics are offered.

WS311 Shaping Lives: Women & Gender (3 Credits)

This interdisciplinary course considers gender as both a critical field of inquiry and as a social construct that influences experiences, relationships, and outcomes of women in society. The course is organized around three main themes: (1) foundations for understanding women and gender; (2) the six institutions that impact and are impacted by women (e.g., work, education, politics); and (3) leadership and activism. Emphasis on the intersection of gender, race, ethnicity, and social class.

Prerequisite(s): Junior or senior status.

WS315 Integrative Women's Health (3 Credits)

This course examines current women's health issues throughout the life span in the integrative/holistic view. Discuss the impact of women's health on family, community, and society. The life-span will be divided into three stages: reproductive, pre-reproductive, and post-reproductive with emphasis on various human relations that co-occur with women's integration of mind, body, and spirit. Encourage learners to closely examine their current health behaviors and attitudes.

WS318 Women's Leadership Styles (3 Credits)

Study great women leaders. Focus on identifying the differences by which women process leadership and consider leadership models in a variety of situations through role-play exercises and case studies.

WS320 Gender in Sports (3 Credits)

Examination of gender-specific issues surrounding participation in sports that includes epidemiology of injuries, psychosocial aspect of athletes, physiological conditions, and biomechanics of the body. Offered alternating spring semesters.

WS325 Gender & Crime (3 Credits)

The role of gender in the criminal justice system is explored. The course will focus on women as victims, offenders, and in career roles in the system itself. An analysis of the changing roles of men and women in society, new legal and cultural perspectives, and contemporary gender issues in the context of crime and justice will also be examined.

Prerequisite(s): CJ111.

WS350 Hispanic Women in Life & Literature (3 Credits)

Studies the image of Hispanic women as presented in literature and society by male and female writers. Comparison and contrast of roles of women in Spain, Latin America, and the United States. Readings in Spanish. Applicable to Women's Studies minor.

Prerequisite(s): For Spanish majors: SP221 and SP222 or equivalent or permission of the chair.

WS370 Women and Work (3 Credits)

This course will examine the meaning of paid work in women's lives. Specific topics examined will include: sexual segregation and stratification in the workplace; power and leadership; sexuality at work; gender discrimination; sexual harassment; work-family issues; and stress and health.