

Women's Studies and Related Courses: Fall 2009

Women's Studies Courses

Revised 2/11/09

WS 10 – Introduction to Women's Studies

MWF 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50, 11:00-11:50 (Forbes)

Interdisciplinary course provides a foundation for Women's Studies.

GE: D3

WS 12 – Critical thinking: Gender Issues

TTH 8:00-9:15, 11:00-12:15, 12:00-1:45, 3:00-4:45 MWF, 12:00-12:50, 2:00-2:50 (Various Instructors)

Teaches critical thinking and communication skills via topics and themes from multicultural gender studies.

GE: A3

WS 101/HIST – Women in History

MWF 8:00-8:50, 1:00-1:50, 2:00-2:50 TTH 2:00-3:15, 3:30-4:45 (Roberts, Fields)

History in the US, focusing on problems in women's history.

GE: ID

WS 108 – Rape

Sat 8:30-5:00 (Newcomb)

Myths, treatment of survivors, physical and psychological preparation for possible attack.

Elective Certificate in Victim Services

WS 109- Incest

TH 8:30-5:00 (Newcomb)

An exploration of the victim, the victimizer, and the family dynamics of incest, as well as the psychological and sociological implications of the family secret. An all day workshop held on two consecutive Saturdays.

WS 110 – Representations of Women

TTH 9:30-10:45, 11:00-12:15, 3:30-4:45 (Badrudjoja)

Focuses on representations of women; how they vary and their effects.

GE: MI.

Cluster 2 for WS Majors.

WS 112 – Assert Training

TTH 8:30-5:00, (Ninkovich)

Women's special needs in becoming assertive; blocks preventing assertion and methods of getting around them. An all day workshop held on two consecutive Saturday.

WS 120 – Women of Color in the U.S.

TTH 12:30-1:45 (Knight)

Examines the role and status of U.S. women of color within the larger social structure.

GE: Area MI

Cluster 1 for WS Majors.

WS 130/HS – Women's Health

W 4:00-6:50 (Staff)

Examines current crises/controversies in women's health care. Includes conventional/alternative approaches to treatment, management, and prevention with emphasis on self-care and promotion of optimum health.

WS 132/SOC – Women and Work

TTH 12:00-12:50, (Forbes)

An examination of women and work in contemporary society, including housework, labor force participation, employment in various occupations, and career planning.

WS 135 – Women in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

TTH 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50, 11:00-11:50,

(Slagter)

Examines economic, social political and cultural roles of women in at least one of the following areas: China, Southeast Asia, India, Africa, Middle East, and Latin America.

GE: MI.

Cluster 3 for WS Majors.

WS 137/AAIS-African American Women

MWF 2:00-2:50 (Reese)

An overview of the accomplishments of African American women in the United States; their contributions to American culture; African influence; African American women as defined by a dominant society vs. legitimate definition designed to encourage a positive self concept.

WS 143- Feminist Theory

TTH 11:00-12:15, (Kensinger)

Review of major feminist theories of the twentieth century, analysis of assumptions underlying each, evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of each, and examination of relationship of various theories to various women's life experience.

WS 153- Research Methods

TTH 2:00-3:15 (Badrudjoja)

Introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methods. Hands-on practice of designing and conducting a research project and writing a grant.

SSCI 180- Diversity in the U.S.

MWF 8:00-8:50, 9:00-9:50, 12:00-12:50, 1:00-1:50

(Swearingen)

Integrates historical, sociological, political, cultural, and ethnic aspects of American culture. Historical developments and immigration patterns, race, class, gender issues, and demographic and statistical analysis of local and regional education trends.

G.E. MI.

Part III Breadth Course for credential in Social Sciences.

Other Electives for the Major and Minor

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WS 152/CLAS- Chicano Family

TTH 2:30-1:45 (Herrera)

Traditional and changing relationships in the family structure of the Chicano; interaction with wider institutional social system.

Women's Studies are open to all who want to know more about the impact of gender on their lives and the world. Students find the field valuable to a variety of educational and career goals. Many Women's Studies students report their classes enhanced their self-esteem and confidence. Nationally, Women's Studies students have established successful careers in a variety of fields from diversity studies to law, K-12 to graduate studies, biology to nursing, the creative arts to telecommunications, criminology to victim services, business and management to social change organizing, history to philosophy, and health and social services.

Many of our students choose Women's Studies as their primary major. Other students choose Women's Studies as a double major or minor to complement a primary field or discipline. Double majors and minors say their first major defines the field in which they work. Women's Studies gives them a special focus and edge within that field.

A student in Women's Studies will necessarily take a broad and interdisciplinary approach to her or his academic career, with courses in a wide variety of disciplines and fields. Along with four core courses, majors complete twenty-four additional hours and minors complete an additional eight hours, chosen from an approved list of electives. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor in the program as soon as possible once they are on campus to create a comprehensive plan toward graduation.

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