

Women's Studies and Related Courses: Fall 2009

Women's Studies Courses

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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, MWF 8:00-8:50, 9:00-9:50; TUES.

6:00-8:50, WED. 6:00-8:50, THUR. 6:00-8:50

Various instructors

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

GE: A3

WS 18 - Women and Aging

TTH 9:30-10:45 (Slagter)

Interdisciplinary course designed to facilitate the understanding of older women and the physiological, psychological, and social aspects of the aging process.

G.E.: E1

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

Sat 8:30-5:00 (Newcomb)

Exploration of the victim, the victimizer, and the family dynamics of incest.

WS 110 – Representations of Women

TTH 8:00-9:15, 12:30-1:45, 3:30-4:45 (Swearingen)

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

Cluster for WS Majors.

WS 112 – Assertiveness Training

Sat 8:30-5:00 (Ninkovich)

Women's special needs in becoming assertive; blocks preventing assertion and methods of getting around them.

WS 120 – Women of Color in the U.S.

MWF 11:00-11:50, 12:00-12:50 (Badruddoja)

Examines the role and status of U.S. women of color within the larger social structure. GE: Area D

Cluster 1 for WS Majors.

WS 125 – Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies

Mon 6:00-8:50 (Knight)

Introduction to theory, questions, and topics in interdisciplinary lesbian and gay studies.

Cluster 1 for WS Majors

WS/SOC 132 – Women and Work

MWF 1:00-1:50 (Forbes)

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

Cluster 3 for WS Majors.

WS 135 – Women in Other Cultures

TTH 11:00-12:15, 12:30-1:45, 3:30-4:45 (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: M/I. Cluster 3 for WS Majors.

WS 143 – Feminist Theory

TTH 2:00-3:15 (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 experiences.

Required for WS Majors.

WS 153 – Research Methods

MWF 2:00-2:50 (Badruddoja)

Introduction to feminist research methods.

Required for WS Majors.

SSCI 180 – Diversity in the U.S.

MWF 9:00-9:50, 10:00-10:50, 11:00-11:50, 12:00-12:50 (Knight)

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. Liberal Studies Major Cluster L.

Other Electives for the Major and Minor

HIST/WS 101 – Women in History

MWF 9:00-9:50, 11:00-11:50, 1:00-1:50, TTH 3:30-4:45 (Walsh, Fields)

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

HS/WS 130 – Women's Health

W 4:00-6:50 (Gish)

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 Major elective.

CLS/WS 152 – The Chicano Family

MWF 1:00-1:50 (Herrera)

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

NOTE: See Major/Minor Planning Sheets for other approved electives

Women's Studies is 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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