

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program offering a minor for undergraduates, support for curricular development and research by faculty, and opportunities to collaborate with community and campus partners who are intrigued by how gender shapes the world. Faculty and courses from twelve departments across the university contribute to the program.

The minor is offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, but is open to all undergraduates regardless of major. In addition to two required courses in Gender and Women's Studies (GWST 2113 Transnational Women's Studies (S) or GWST 2123 Introduction to Gender Studies (DH); GWST 4113 Feminist Theories), students choose from courses focusing on gender and women (9 hours), and from classes that complement gender and women's studies (6 hours).

Students in Gender and Women's Studies pursue research in the history of women, in theories of gender, in feminism, in the cultural construction of masculinity, and in the cross-cultural intersections of race, class, nationality and sexuality. Work in Gender and Women's Studies can lead to and enrich a wide variety of careers, including nonprofit development, graduate training in humanities and the social sciences, education, curatorial administration, human resources, creative writing and reportage, international relations, publishing, public relations, electoral politics and advocacy.

Courses

GWST 2113 Transnational Women's Studies (S)

Description: Introduction to research on women and gender in transnational contexts. Interpersonal relationships, socioeconomic status, power and authority as women experience them, myths and realities among women of different races, classes, ethnicities, sexual orientation, nationalities, ages, and physical ability. Previously offered as WMST 2113.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Social & Behavioral Sciences

GWST 2123 Introduction to Gender Studies (DH)

Description: Introduction to critical thinking about the construction of gender and the intersections of gender with race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality. Basic methods of studying gender from an interdisciplinary humanities perspective. Previously offered as WMST 2123.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity, Humanities

GWST 3450 Topics in Gender Studies

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or permission of instructor.

Description: Suggested topics include: women and health, women and science, women and religion. Previously offered as WMST 3450. Offered for fixed credit, 3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 3513 Theorizing Sexualities (D)

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123.

Description: Examination of poststructuralist and/or feminist theories of sexualities in contexts of film, literature, history, or popular culture. Likely theorists include Foucault, Butler, D'Emilio, Lorde, Kristeva, Anzaldua, Chow, and/or Chauncey. Previously offered as WMST 3513.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity

GWST 3613 Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 recommended.

Description: An interdisciplinary examination of the inextricable relationship between race relations and reproductive politics. Issues explored include malthusianism, sterilization abuse, criminalizing pregnancy, natalism and nationalism, eugenics, the role of women of color in campaigns for reproductive justice, and representations of motherhood.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity

GWST 3713 Gender and Representation (D)

Description: Cultural analysis of gender representation and gender relations. Using cultural texts and practices in several areas such as children's culture, sport, music, film and TV. Previously offered as WMST 3713.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity

GWST 4013 Approaches to Feminist Research

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or consent of instructor.

Description: Examines the ethics and epistemologies of methodologies and theoretical frameworks most conducive to feminist analysis. This course prepares students to conceptualize their own research projects. Previously offered as WMST 4013.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 4113 Feminist Theories

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or consent of instructor.

Description: Examines the different types of feminist theories and the role theory plays in the production of knowledge. A variety of feminist theories will be considered from an interdisciplinary perspective. Previously offered as WMST 4113.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 4333 History of Sexuality in the United States (D)

Description: This course examines the history of sexuality in the U.S. from the 16th century to the present. It considers how social, cultural, political, and economic conditions have affected changing meanings of sexuality over time. It takes an intersectional approach, paying particular attention to how issues of race, class, and gender have shaped attitudes towards and experiences of sexuality in the American past. Same course as HIST 4333.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: History

General Education and other Course Attributes: Diversity

GWST 4503 Theorizing Men and Masculinities

Prerequisites: GWST 4113 or permission of instructor.

Description: Examines the roles of men in various cultural contexts, the historical development of manhood as an ideal, and theories of masculinities.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 4950 Special Topics in Global Feminism

Prerequisites: GWST 2113 or GWST 2123 or permission of instructor.

Description: Selected topics in the problems and issues of global women's and feminist activism. Highlights the continuing fight to secure gender equality, especially in developing nations. Exploration of the women's movement links with other human rights struggles across the globe. Previously offered as WMST 4950. Offered for 3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 4990 Directed Readings in Gender Studies

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

Description: Examines gender studies issues and topics. Previously offered as WMST 4990. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3

Contact hours: Lecture: 1

Levels: Graduate, Undergraduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 5103 Gender and Sexuality

Description: This course offers an interdisciplinary survey of major works and key concepts in the field of Gender and Women's Studies.

Credit hours: 3

Contact hours: Lecture: 3

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 5300 Seminar in Gender and Women's Studies

Description: This course will offer a topics-based graduate colloquium in the interdisciplinary and international field of Gender and Women's Studies. Potential topics include Gender and Modern War, Feminist Aesthetics, Sexuality and Space, Cold War Masculinities, and Gender and International Relations. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 9 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3

Contact hours: Lecture: 1

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Lecture

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

GWST 5990 Directed Readings in Gender and Women's Studies

Description: Specialized readings or independent study in GWST. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.

Credit hours: 1-3

Contact hours: Other: 1

Levels: Graduate

Schedule types: Independent Study

Department/School: Dean of Arts & Science

Undergraduate Programs

- Gender and Women's Studies (GWST), Minor (<http://catalog.okstate.edu/arts-sciences/minors/gender-womens-studies-minor>)

Faculty

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