Course Catalog

Women's and Gender Studies

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Overview

The minor in Women’s and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores the cultural construction of gender and sexuality from a variety of academic perspectives. Classes investigate gender in relation to such topics as race and class; women’s history and power; men’s studies; and queer studies and theory.

Students interested in declaring a Women’s and Gender Studies minor should contact the co-directors of the Women’s and Gender Studies Committee.

Requirements

- The Minor
- Core Courses
- Supporting Courses

The Minor

The requirements for a minor in Women’s and Gender Studies are as follows:

1. 19 credit hours consisting of at least one core course and courses from at least two of the categories listed under Supporting Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Students may take
up to four hours of Women’s and Gender Studies Colloquia.
II. No more than 6 hours can overlap with a student's primary major.
III. No more than 6 hours can be taken from a single department listed below under Supporting Courses.
IV. At least 9 hours must be upper-division courses.

WAGS 3122—Women’s and Gender Studies Internship is strongly recommended for all WAGS minors.

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Note: Special topics courses are approved by the advisory committee only for the specific topic listed.
Courses

WAGS-2310 Introduction to Women’s Studies
A feminist perspective on work, family, sexuality, identity formation, class stratification, racial and cultural diversity, and cultural representations of gender. Overview of the history of the women’s movement and historical and contemporary debate among feminists.

WAGS-2350 Introduction to Feminist Theory
An introduction survey of feminist theory, both as an intellectual, philosophical tradition and as a program of political activism. At the discretion of the instructor, this course may entail a history of feminist theory; an engagement in specific debates or school of criticism; and/or involvement in community activism.

WAGS-2351 Intro to Queer Studies
An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies. Topics may include a historical survey of homosexuality and the Gay Rights movement; queer theory; psychoanalysis and psychology of sexuality; film and media studies; discussion of current events.

WAGS-2352 Introduction to Gender Studies
An introductory survey of the interdisciplinary field of gender studies. Topics may include masculinity and men's studies; feminism and the construction of femininity; sexuality and queer theory.

WAGS-3401 The History of Sexuality: Sex and Gender In Modernity
This course will examine the concept of sexuality (and related concepts like "gender" and "love") in a selection of texts from the Greeks to the present day. It will trace two concepts of sexual desire that have competed in European history: desire as dangerous and disorderly; and desire as productive, even revolutionary. In doing so, the course will trace changing attitudes toward sexuality through some historical paradigm shifts in European history and consider how the history of sexuality has evolved from an earlier marginalized status to a central place in contemporary cultural thought. In this way, the course will define sexuality broadly as both individual identity and cultural category and will include discussions of sexuality in its institutional and discursive contexts.

WAGS-3-17 Gender Studies Colloquium
This course analyzes gender and sexuality by addressing topics organized under themes selected by participating faculty through class discussions, lectures, student presentations, and visiting speakers. Students may enroll in the colloquium no more than three times.

WAGS-3-18 Women’s Studies Colloquium
The colloquium meets under direction of faculty of the Women’s and Gender Studies Advisory Committee. Session topic are organized around themes selected by the Advisory Committee, to be explored through class discussions, faculty research, student presentations, and visiting lecturers. Students may enroll in the colloquium no more than three times.
WAGS-3-19 Queer Studies Colloquium
The Queer Studies Colloquium analyzes the variety of gender identities and representations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual topics. In addition, this course help understand conventional heterosexuality within a broader context. Session topics are organized around themes selected by University faculty, to be explored through class discussions, lectures, student presentations, and visiting speakers. Students may enroll in the colloquium no more than three times.

WAGS-3122 Women’s and Gender Studies Internship
Entails work experience with issues pertaining to women, gender, or sexuality. Students are expected to select a suitable forum for such work, whether on or off-campus, and to arrange for their own employment. Students may also apply to intern with the Women's History Month Planning Committee. Consent of Women’s and Gender Studies program co-chairs required.

WAGS-3-75 Science, Gender, and Sexuality Colloquium
This team-taught course investigates scientific approaches to sexuality and gender. To be taught by faculty from various scientific disciplines. Prerequisite: WAGS 2350, 2351, or 2352, or consent of instructor.