

Gender Studies

Courses

GS 2020 Women and Social Movements in U.S. History: 3 semester hours

Same as: HIST 2020. Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or consent of the instructor. This course explores the role of women in social movements that transformed the United States during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. It asks broad questions about how ideas, experiences, and laws regarding gender and sexuality have shaped ordinary people's lives, as well as U.S. institutions, and have been touchstones for social change movements. It considers abolitionism, suffrage, progressive reforms, labor, civil rights, and second wave feminism, among other movements.

GS 2066 Women and Gender in African History: 3 semester hours

Same as HIST 2066. Using documentaries, popular culture, graphic histories, and more conventional sources, this course explores the history of Africa, highlighting African women's lives, experiences, and agency, and questioning the application of Western concepts of gender to an African setting.

GS 2102 Introduction to Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 2102, HIST 2102, POL SCI 2102, and SOC 2102. This core class is required for all Gender Studies Certificate earners. This class introduces students to cultural, political and historical issues that shape gender. Through a variety of disciplinary perspectives in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, the course familiarizes students with diverse female and male experiences and gendered power relationships.

GS 2130 Gender and the Military: 3 semester hours

Same as MVS 2130 and SOC 2802. This course investigates how the military treats gender difference, explores how military culture is defined, and how gender is a socially constructed concept. Topics may include military culture, gender construction, and how gender and sexuality issues affect military readiness and effectiveness.

GS 2150 Special Topics in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

An introduction to a particular topic area in women's and gender studies (topics will be announced prior to registration) drawing on the theories and methods of such disciplines as sociology, psychology, political science, history, philosophy, art history, and others to examine particular aspects of gender in social and cultural life. Course may satisfy the distribution requirement for humanities or social sciences depending on the topic.

GS 2230 Psychology of Gender: 3 semester hours

Same as PSYCH 2230. Prerequisites: PSYCH 1003. Evaluation of psychological theories and research regarding physiological, cognitive, and personality gender differences and similarities, gender related problems in adjustment, and gender specific clinical interventions.

GS 2253 Philosophy and Feminism: 3 semester hours

Same as PHIL 2253. A critical examination of what various philosophers have said about issues of concern to women. Sample topics include oppression, racism, women's nature, femininity, marriage, motherhood, sexuality, pornography, the ethics of care.

GS 2290 Gender and the Law: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 2290. This course examines the ways in which laws and interpretations of laws affect gender equality in the United States. Emphasizing how traditional roles impact both women and men historically and currently, the course highlights major pieces of legislation and court rulings related to employment, economics, education, sexual harassment, pornography, rape, reproductive rights, and domestic relations. The course stresses the impact of federal and state institutions and non-governmental influences on equality. It also addresses gender representation in the legal profession admits effect on judicial decisions. This course satisfies State requirements in American History and Government.

GS 2380 Politics of Gender in the United States: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 2380. Prerequisites: POL SCI 1100 or consent of instructor. This course examines the role of gender in political institutions, practices and policy in the United States, past and present. It focuses on various movements for political equality, the relationship between gender and political participation, vote choice, and public opinion, and how legislative, executive, and judicial offices are gendered at the national, state, and local levels.

GS 3031 History of Women in The United States: 3 semester hours

Same as HIST 3031. Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of the instructor. Development of women's economic, political, and social role in the United States with special emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; women and work; women and the family; women and reform movements; women and education; feminist theories and activists; images of women.

GS 3224 Families in Global Perspective: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 3224. Prerequisites: SOC 1010 or consent of instructor. This course presents research from the fields of demography, sociology, economics, and public policy in order to develop a broader understanding of the causes and consequences of population aging, one of the major demographic changes faced by social institutions worldwide. Attention to the global diversity of human experiences by age, gender, socioeconomic status.

GS 3232 Psychology of Trauma: 3 semester hours

Same as PSYCH 3232. Prerequisites: PSYCH 1003. This course examines responses to potentially traumatic events (e.g., child abuse and neglect, physical and sexual assault, intimate partner violence, community and gun violence, war, natural disasters). Trauma exposure, posttraumatic growth, the development of trauma-related difficulties including PTSD, assessment and intervention are examined with attention to gender, cultural and lifespan issues.

GS 3243 Marriage, Family, and Kinship: 3 semester hours

Same as ANTHRO 3243 and SOC 3243. Prerequisites: ANTHRO 1019, SOC 1010, or consent of the instructor. This course will examine will examine the construction of kinship systems, marriages, families and other forms of intimate relationships from anthropological and sociological perspectives. The cross-cultural structure of this class will incorporate global case studies, including U.S. and European marriage and family structures. Students will have the opportunity to explore topics including love, dating, cohabitation, kinship calculation, alternative lifestyles, and divorce.

GS 3300 The Social Construction of Aging and Ageism: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 3300 and GERON 3300. This course examines perspectives of age, aging, and ageism using several perspectives: the theory of social construction and the frameworks of essentialism and intersectionality. The materials, discussions, and assignments in this course will familiarize and provide students with tools to investigate age and ageism in a complex, multidimensional manner. The overarching focus of this course is located in the tension with the "nature versus nurture" debate, paralleling nature with essentialist ideas and nurture with social constructionism. Ideas, conceptions, attitudes, and understandings of age within the media, family, medical community, and other institutions will be investigated as biological and/or a development of society in effort to perpetuate social control, organization, and power dynamics. Through research, fiction and non-fiction work, creative assignments, and theoretical texts, students will approach the following questions: How do we value lived-experiences? How might situated knowledge affect social constructions of aging and ageism? What evidence is provided toward age and/or ageism as an essential or socially constructed outline within society? How are socially constructed ideas developed and perpetuated? How might one affect change in an essentialist and/or socially constructed society?.

GS 3350 Special Topics in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: GS 2102 or consent of instructor. Special topics in women's and Gender Studies. Topics vary by semester.

GS 3352 Independent Studies in Gender Studies: 1-3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Junior standing; two courses in Women's and Gender Studies, including GS 2102; and consent of the instructor and the Institute. Directed independent work in selected women's and gender studies topics through readings, research, reports and/or conferences. Course may satisfy the distribution requirement for the humanities, social sciences, or math/science depending on topic.

GS 3700 Diversity and Social Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 3700. Prerequisites: PSYCH 2250 or SOC 2160; and SOC WK 3100 taken prior or concurrently. Analyzes the structure, dynamics, and consequences of social and economic injustice, and the impact on diverse groups in American society. Examines theoretical models and practice principles for work with diverse groups.

GS 4100 Introduction to Feminist and Gender Theory: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4100. Prerequisites: GS 2102. This class serves as an initial intellectual investigation into gendered ideologies (such as the effects of race, ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic class, sexuality, and religion) and functions as a bridge to later advanced gender theory and methods courses. Topics include interdisciplinary feminist theories (with a focus on gender equality), including masculinity theory, queer theory, muted group theory, and other evolving frameworks.

GS 4320 Gender, Sexuality and Aging: 3 semester hours

Same as GERON 4320. Prerequisites: Junior/senior undergraduate or graduate standing, or permission of the instructor or program director. This course examines advancing age through a gender lens. Men and women experience aging differently based on a host of genetic, biological, psychological, sociocultural and personal identity factors. This course challenges students to consider aging from various perspectives, including cultural expectations and norms, couple and family relationships, health and function, work life and retirement, sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, concerns of LGBT elders, and veterans' issues.

GS 4325 Gender, Crime and Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as CRIMIN 4325 and SOC 4325. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the role of gender in crime and in the justice system. Emphasis on gender differences in crime commission, criminal processing, and the employment of women in criminal justice agencies. Fulfills criminology diversity requirement.

GS 4330 Violence Against Women: 3 semester hours

Same as CRIMIN 4330. Prerequisites: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. This course examines the nature, extent, causes and consequences of various types of violence against women, including rape, sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence. Criminal justice policy and practice regarding violence against women are also examined.

GS 4335 Gender and Body Image in Media and Culture: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: GS 2102, GS 4100, and six additional hours of GS courses. Through the lens of feminist and gender theory, this course engages students in conversations pertaining to gender, media, body image, and culture. Students will read and analyze fiction and non-fiction texts in order to realize the multidisciplinary of gender and body image as themes and motifs. Students are required to participate in Service-Learning in order to deepen their understanding of how these issues affect day-to-day lives within their communities.

GS 4350 Special Topics in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: GS 2102 or consent of instructor. Special topics examined from a gender perspective in the fields of anthropology, art history, criminology, economics, English, foreign language, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, business, or others. Topics and departments vary by semester. Course may be repeated by permission of Director of the Center.

GS 4352 Independent Study in Gender Studies: 1-3 semester hours

Prerequisites: GS 2102 or consent of instructor. Independent, directed readings and research in a women's gender related topic, to be determined in consultation with instructor.

GS 4353 Internship in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours**GS 4360 Sociology of Minority Groups: 3 semester hours**

Same as SOC 4360. Prerequisites: SOC 1010 and junior standing or consent of instructor. The study of dominant-subordinate group relations. Religion, ethnicity, race, and gender as factors in the unequal distribution of power.

GS 4452 Feminism and Science: 3 semester hours

Same as GS 4452. Prerequisites: Six hours of philosophy, graduate standing, or consent of instructor. This course will explore major themes and issues in feminist science scholarship, a body of research that focuses on the relationship between science and gender. Feminist research in the philosophy and history of science, and in the biological sciences, are emphasized. Issues include: the nature of objectivity, evidence, and truth; the factors that contribute to the acceptance or rejection of research hypothesis and theories; the nature and consequences of science's cognitive authority; and the relationship between science and values.

GS 4520 The Aging Body: 3 semester hours

Same as GERON 4520. Prerequisites: GERON 2170 or SOC 2170 or another introductory course (2000 or higher) in Gerontology, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, or Nursing; or consent of the instructor. This course focuses on the aging body with respect to health and function. Physiologic and cognitive concerns of older men and women are reviewed. Contextual factors (e.g., relationships, socio-cultural, spiritual, environmental) and issues in service delivery are also addressed.

GS 4600 Masculinities: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4600. Prerequisites: GS 2102 or consent of instructor. This course examines men and masculinities through a critical lens, looking carefully at an institutionalized system of gender relations and practices that is assumed to be a natural phenomenon that is culturally universal. The course explores various masculine behaviors, myths, ideologies, and experiences so that students can consider the relationship between masculine practice and social power and delineate choices for future directions. The course is necessarily interdisciplinary and may utilize tools and methods from the social sciences and the humanities. Satisfies GS gender theory requirement.

GS 4610 Intimate Partner Violence: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 4610. Prerequisites: SOC WK 3510. This course focuses on theoretical and empirical understanding of domestic violence in US society and social work practice with battered women and their families. It addresses direct services, community organizing, and public policy changes to help end violence against women. Relationships between violence against women and other forms of oppression (e.g., racism, economic exploitation, heterosexism and social class) are explored.

GS 4920 Gender, Power, and the Environment: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: GS 2102, or consent of instructor. This course will examine how gendered observations about nature create, support, and/or dispute particular cultural and social attitudes toward the environment. Students will consider debates in feminist pedagogy, ecofeminism, and social constructivism about the relationship of gender to nature.

GS 4925 Feminism and Witchcraft: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: GS 2102, or consent of instructor. This class will examine literary and historical treatments of witchcraft through a cross-cultural, feminist theoretical framework. Students will read primary historical documents as well as fictional, dramatic, and poetic representations of witches and witchcraft. The course will consider changing perspectives toward witches in contemporary gender theory, spiritualist discourse and popular media.

GS 4932 Female Gothic: 3 semester hours

Same as ENGL 4932. Prerequisites: Students must satisfy English prerequisites for 4000-level courses or obtain permission of instructor. The course examines the historical development of the female gothic, a genre which employs narrative strategies for expressing fears and desires associated with female experience. From the late 18th century to the present, we will trace the persistence of the Gothic vision in fiction and film.

GS 4933 Female Novel Of Development: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Students must satisfy English prerequisites for 4000-level courses or obtain permission of instructor. The course covers the development of the female Bildungsroman from the late 18th century to the present. We will consider how temporary and current theories of female development help us read these novels within their particular cultural contexts.

GS 5320 Gender and Aging: 3 semester hours

Same as: GERON 5320. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course examines advancing age through a gender lens. Men and women experience aging differently based on a host of genetic, biological, psychological, sociocultural and personal identity factors. This course challenges students to consider aging from various perspectives, including cultural expectations and norms, couple and family relationships, health and function, work life and retirement, sexual orientation, gender identity, concerns of LGBT elders, and veteran's issues.

GS 5350 Topics in Women's and Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and at least one Gender Studies course. This course will focus on a particular aspect of gender (to be announced prior to registration) and will draw upon recent theoretical and methodological work from a variety of disciplines.

GS 5450 Special Topics In Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Special topics at the Graduate level examined from a gender perspective in the field of anthropology, art history, criminology, economics, English, foreign language, history philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, business, or others. Topics and departments vary by semester.

GS 5500 Foundations of Human Behavior in the Social Environment: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 5500. Prerequisites: SOC WK 3150 or equivalent or admission to the MSW program. Focuses on theoretical and empirical understanding of human behavior in the social environment using a life-span perspective. Introduces biological, behavioral, cognitive, and sociocultural theories of individuals, families, and small groups, and their implications for the professional social worker's understanding of socioeconomic status, gender, disability, ethnicity, race, and sexual orientation.

GS 5635 Social Work Practice with LGBT Populations: Deconstructing the Alphabet Soup: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 5635. Prerequisites: SOC WK 5100 and SOC WK 5500 or consent of instructor. This advanced-practice course focuses on developing the knowledge and skills necessary for effective social work practice with LGBT persons, families, and communities. The goal of this course is to facilitate deeper understanding of LGBT identities, relationships, health and mental health challenges, and issues of race, age, religion, spirituality, and class and how these intersect. The course treats lesbian women, gay men, bisexual, and transgender persons as four distinct communities.

GS 5700 Diversity, Social Justice and Social Practice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC WK 5700. Prerequisites: Graduate Standing. Analyzes the structure, dynamics, and consequences of social and economic injustice, and the impact on diverse groups in American society. Examines theoretical models and practice principles for work with diverse groups.

GS 5940 Seminar in Gender and Literature: 3 semester hours

Same as ENGL 5940. Gender studies in literature of different periods, types, and genres; satisfies area requirement (1-6) appropriate to its period, national literature, and genre.

GS 6350 Gender, Language and Identity: 3 semester hours

Same as TCH ED 6350. Prerequisites: Graduate standing. An interdisciplinary look at the ways gendered and racial identities get developed and shaped through language and culture. Readings will address the complex, yet sometimes invisible, ways that identity, language and gender intersect, creating and assigning roles, responsibilities, and possible selves to individuals and groups in a global world.

GS 6353 Graduate Internship in Gender Studies: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of director. Provides an opportunity for the Graduate Gender Studies student to acquire "real world" experience working in a non-profit, political, economic, or social service organization with a gender focus.

GS 6410 Gender, Sexuality, and Mental Health: 3 semester hours

Same as PSYCH 6410. Prerequisites: Admission to the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology or consent of the instructor. This course will focus on contemporary theory and research on gender and sexuality as they pertain to mental health issues. Gender differences and similarities in the presentation, etiology, and treatment of sexual health problems and other mental illnesses will be discussed.

GS 6450 Seminar in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours

GS 6452 Special Readings in Gender Studies: 3 semester hours