WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGST)

WGST 1900 - Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examines issues concerning women in a variety of disciplines, including the humanities, the social sciences, the sciences, and art. Special focus given to enabling students to recognize and critically analyze the notion of gender and patterns of gender roles.
Attributes: Global Local Justice-Domestic, Service Learning, Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 1980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2100 - Introduction to Sexuality Studies
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the lived practices, social meanings, and cultural representations of human sexuality. This introduction to the interdisciplinary field of sexuality studies samples a variety of intellectual approaches in examining sexuality as a source of personal and community identity and as contested political and ideological terrain. No prerequisites.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2400 - Men and Masculinities
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Popular culture provides the stories and images that enable us to imagine and practice femininities and masculinities. This course explores popular culture’s influence on understandings of gender and its intersections with other identity markers and focuses on how feminist concepts raise awareness of discrimination and oppression in pop culture.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2550 - Gender, Identity & Literature
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course introduces literary study within the context and theme of Gender and Identity. Through the reading of a wide variety of genres - including drama, poetry, and fiction - the course engages students in literary ways of knowing. Methods include close reading, comparative textual analysis, and argumentative writing.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2800 - Men and Masculinities
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The course introduces research on men and masculinity, and gender more generally, and explores from a feminist perspective the personal and political issues this research – and the current state of our world – raise for men and women. Topics include socialization, college life, media, personal relations, politics, sports, and war.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 2980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3010 - Women in Art
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examines the role of women in art as symbol/image, artist, or patron from the ancient world to the present. In a discussion of positive and negative images created by women, examples are drawn from architecture, painting, sculpture, film and television.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3230 - Gender & Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examination of the impact of large-scale forces on how gender roles are structured and enacted in our society. Particular attention to be paid to the different experiences of men and women in the labor force, politics and the family.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3240 - Female Bildungsroman
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The Bildungsroman has traditionally traced the intellectual, social, and moral education of a male hero. This course addresses how female artists modify this narrative genre to tell alternate stories about intellectual, social, and sexual development. Through critical examination of the female Bildungsroman, students explore how gender affects selfhood, citizenship, and authorship.
Attributes: Film Studies, Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3300 - Intercultural Communication
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Introduces the role of culture in the process of human interaction and encourages in-depth analysis of the unique challenges posed by intercultural encounters. Develops a better understanding of culture and the many ways in which it influences interaction between individuals and groups.
Prerequisite(s): CMM 2000
Attributes: International Studies-Arts, Italian Culture, Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3320 - Mary and Her Sisters
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course looks at a series of important female figures from the scriptural roots of Christianity, especially the multiple Marys of the New Testament. We will read the primary canonical and apocryphal texts describing these women and examine their depiction in art, literature and music throughout history.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 3350 - Women in Global Film
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An introduction to the diverse production of women and minority filmmakers from around the world. Focus on issues of social justice, gender inequality, and LGBTQ rights.
Attributes: Fine Arts Requirement (A&S)

WGST 3430 - Marriage and the Family
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An examination of theories and data on different types of families, role assignments, and definitions, pertaining to various types of societies through space and time. Addresses modern aspects of family institutions and problems, with an emphasis on the issue of equality of marriage.
Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies
WGST 3510 - The Structure of Poverty
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the structural causes of poverty at the global and local levels from a multidisciplinary perspective. The course focuses on the social, political, and economic structures that produce and perpetuate poverty. The global dimension of the course focuses on developing countries, while the local dimension focuses especially in the St. Louis area.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3600 - Women in Literature
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Reading and analysis of works authored by and about women; studied from a feminist perspective.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3630 - Sex, Gender, & Christian Ethic
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An introduction to contemporary Christian thinking on sexuality. Students are encouraged to understand the diversity of the Christian tradition, debate the available alternatives, and come to their own well-reasoned positions. Issues covered include premarital sex, gender, contraception, and homosexuality.

Prerequisite(s): 1 Course from THEO 200-299
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3720 - Ren & Mod Political Theories
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examines the works of Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Wollstonecraft, Taylor, and Mill, among others, focusing on different notions of justice, law, freedom, and community. Particular attention is paid to the public and private contexts and gendered political roles associated with modern political thought.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3775 - Feminist Theory-Gender Justice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Feminist Theory: Gender Justice examines the various ways of understanding gender by looking at a variety of theories and philosophical perspectives within feminist thought, especially as it is formed by political philosophy including liberal, radical, Marxist and postmodern feminism. Sub-field in political science is Political Thought.

Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3780 - Disability Theory and Politics
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course applies insights from disability studies to Western political thought in order to examine the political nature of disability and the disabling nature of politics. In this course, students are exposed to varying definitions, cultural representations, social justice issues, human rights concerns, and bioethical debates related to disability.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3800 - Violence Against Women
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course focuses on the causes, effects, and institutional responses to several types of gender-based violence, including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and sex trafficking. Includes examination of the psychological, legal, sociological, and political discourse surrounding these issues.

Attributes: Pol Sci Public Law Elective, Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3850 - Feminism in Action
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course addresses feminist activism on a wide range of issues (including domestic violence, rape, education and health care), and in a variety of forms (including writing, theater, public protests and coalition building). It gives students the opportunity to study the scholarship of activism and to participate in feminist action.

Attributes: Global Local Justice-Service, Service Learning, Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3910 - Internship
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 3980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4010 - Research Strategies in Women's and Gender Studies
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the different ways in which research is conducted and how these methodologies help advance or impede feminist goals. Attention will be given to how gender theory and feminist politics can shape the kinds of research questions we ask, the types of information we use, and our relationship to the sources of our data.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4200 - Psychology of Women
Credit(s): 3 Credits
The study of girls’ and women’s development, including gender roles, gender role stereotyping, the biology of being female, psychological theories about gender, violence against women, women in families, in relationships, and in the workplace. The course addresses women’s diversity by race, ethnicity, culture, age, nationality, sexual orientation, and economic condition.

Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4300 - Gender & Communication
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course explores the construction and performance of gender and identity within the context of communication.

Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4330 - Psychology of Oppression
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course uses a family-centered approach to the study of the health care needs of women, infants, children, and adolescents. Emphasis is placed on theoretical knowledge and research findings as the basis for exploring strategies to promote, maintain, and restore health. Priority is given to significant health care issues within these populations.

Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4350 - Stereotyping and Bias in Mass Media
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examines debates over stereotyping and bias in the mass media. Considers the types of materials that have aroused charges of bias, and surveys the historical, economic, political, sexual, and sociological perspectives that help explain stereotyping as a cultural practice.

Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies
WGST 4490 - 18th and 19th Century Women Writers
Credit(s): 3 Credits
An examination of the woman writer and literary tradition in the 18th and 19th centuries, including such writers as Eliza Haywood, Fanny Burney, Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, and Christina Rossetti.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 4580 - Studies in 19th Century Lit
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Focus on women writers in the Nineteenth Century. Explore the evolution of the woman writer’s role in the emerging marketplace of mass culture; changing perceptions of gender and sexuality and women writers’ responses to the rise of industrial capitalism and political reform.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4750 - American Political Thought
Credit(s): 3 Credits
From 1765 to the present. Eighteenth century consensus, nationalism versus sectionalism, nineteenth century reform movements, pragmatism and progressivism, current liberalism and conservatism.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4770 - Spanish Women Poets
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Historical analysis and literary interpretation of a representative selection of modern and contemporary Spanish women poetry. Discussion of the topics and preoccupations present in their work, and analysis of their contribution to reformulating the male canon in general. Authors: Carolina Coronado, Rosalía de Castro, Concha Zardoya, Gloria Fuertes, and María Victoria Atencia.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4800 - Black Women in Society
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course is designed to provide an interdisciplinary approach for the study of African women in the context of a changing society and the impact of the context from social, historical, cultural, political and economic perspectives. Attention will be devoted to the examination of relationships that have emerged between systems and societal conditions.
Attributes: African American Studies, Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4810 - Philosophy of Feminism
Credit(s): 3 Credits
A critical examination of the feminist challenge to traditional conceptions of law, morality and epistemology. The philosophical and methodological assumptions underlying the feminist challenge will be explored.
Attributes: Diversity in the US (A&S), Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4860 - Global & Transnational Feminism
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course offers an advanced survey of the field of theory and political activism referred to as transnational feminism. Students are introduced to the history of feminist work in international political and economic forums (e.g. the UN and World Bank), as well as to on-going feminist efforts in the context of current social movements around the globe.
Attributes: Global Citizenship (A&S), International Studies-Arts, Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4919 - Women's and Gender Studies Internship
Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This experiential learning course challenges students to expand their knowledge by performing off-campus work. At a site chosen by the student in consultation with a faculty mentor, interns will aim to apply the insights of Women's and Gender Studies coursework to practical and intellectual challenges encountered outside of the classroom.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4930 - Special Topics
Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4960 - Women's and Gender Studies Capstone
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Students complete an independent study, research paper or practicum in a synthesis of WGS coursework.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 4980 - Advanced Independent Study
Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 5010 - Feminist Theories
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines developments in feminist thought at the turn of the twenty-first century, highlighting core concepts and tensions accompanying the growth of the field of women's studies. Using an intersectional range of theoretical texts and cultural criticism, it explores both historical and recent perspectives on gender, sexuality.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 5020 - Feminist Epistemologies
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Examination of how feminist scholarship has recontextualized epistemological issues in the philosophy of science, eco-feminism, hermeneutics, mysticism, and phenomenology. Students will write and present papers to demonstrate their integration of feminist theory and feminist epistemological issues within their own major fields of study.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 5030 - Feminist Research Design
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course critically interrogates the methodologies commonly used in the interdisciplinary study of women, gender, and sexuality. While honing graduate-level research skills, students will investigate the politics, ethics, and epistemological premises employed in the production of knowledge in academic and activist contexts.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies

WGST 5040 - Current Feminist Issues
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines historical and contemporary debates about controversial issues involving women, gender, social change for equality, and sexuality. Students learn to locate, express, and evaluate arguments on multiple sides of the controversies.
Attributes: Women’s & Gender Studies
WGST 5050 - Program Evaluation
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course provides students with a basic understanding of the approaches and techniques used to evaluate human service programs. Course material also examines the degree to which systematic inequalities (gender, etc.) affect decisions about what is to be evaluated, the development of evaluation questions, and the collection, analysis, interpretation, and utilization of data. During the course, students gain practical experience by developing an evaluation plan for a local human service or educational program.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 5150 - Gender and American Politics
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course examines the ways in which women shape, and are shaped by, American politics and public policy. We explore the history, approaches, findings and controversy in research about women in American politics and political science from a range of theoretical and methodological approaches.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 5290 - Women and Global Issues
Credit(s): 3 Credits
In this class, we will explore how globalization is bringing to the fore issues that are affecting and shaping women's lives throughout the world. Through essays, various literary pieces and films, we will examine how dichotomies that are usually identified in feminist discourse take on a renewed life as increased interconnectedness that comes with globalization shapes religious, economic, cultural and political issues.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 5716 - Diversity & Anti-Oppression Practice
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course focuses on human diversity within and between groups and anti-oppression interventions in social work practice. The content includes perspectives on discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, class, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, mental and physical disability, and/or spiritual orientation. Course addresses how group membership affects access to resources, services and opportunities and relates to risk factors for specific population groups.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 5720 - Citizenship and Social Difference
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will examine several aspects of the embodied nature of citizenship. Looking specifically at the interplay between citizenship (as an identity, legal status, and practice) and socially constructed identities predicated upon perceived bodily differences (gender, race, and disability), we will examine the following preliminary questions: Historically, how and why has the American state denied women, people of color, and people with disabilities citizenship status? Should civil, social, and political rights, which are contingent upon citizenship status, be universal rights, or group-differentiated rights? How should we expand/amend conventional definitions of citizenship and political participation to account for the lived experiences of women, people of color, and people with disabilities? How do social constructed and maintained inequalities—via sexism, racism, and ableism—influence the practice of citizenship? Overall, this course will attempt to integrate the insights from feminist theory, critical race theory, and disability studies into an analysis of what it means to be an American citizen.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 5910 - Graduate Internship
Credit(s): 3-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This experiential learning course challenges students to expand their knowledge by performing dedicated work in an internship setting. At a site chosen by the student in consultation with a faculty mentor, interns will aim to apply the insights of Women's and Gender Studies coursework to practical and intellectual challenges encountered outside of the classroom.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies
WGST 6833 - Employment Discrimination
Credit(s): 3 Credits
This course will provide an in-depth study of current problems in employment discrimination, including theories of discrimination, order and allocation of the burden of proof and other related issues; emphasis on the use of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and amendments, and on the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Grade will be based on a final exam.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 6875 - Family Law
Credit(s): 3 Credits
Legal relations of husband and wife with respect to person and property; conflict of laws; ante nuptial agreements; legal consequences of annulment, separation and divorce; separation agreements; division of property; alimony and maintenance; child support; child custody.
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 6930 - Special Topics: Women Studies
Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies

WGST 6980 - Independent Study
Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
Attributes: Women's & Gender Studies