

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Spring 2023 Graduate Courses

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To earn a **WGS Graduate Minor**, students must complete 12 semester hours of course work including 6 hours at the 7000 level (choose two of these three: WGS 7150, WGS 7500 and WGS 7900) and 6 hours of approved elective courses that are listed as 4000 and above. Of these courses, no more than two may be taken within the same department or with the same professor and no more than one course may be taken within the student's home department.

WGS COURSE OFFERINGS

WGS 4500.01

Black Feminist Theory and Activism

Black Feminist Theory and Activism is a course that centers black women's rich intellectual traditions and political commitments in the United States. Over the course of the semester, we will critically examine the theoretical underpinnings and politics of modern black feminist thought.

Students will be introduced to both historical and contemporary black women intellectuals and activists through reading assignments, in-class exercises, films, and written assignments. The course gives equal weight to the articulation and *praxis* of black feminism, focusing on several black feminist activist moments and movements from the past thirty years.

Cat Jacquet

MW 3:30-4:50

WGS 4500.02

Women's Autobiography and Memoir

In this course, we will examine a variety of women's autobiographies and memoirs, including a historical and cultural range. We will read some accessible theoretical texts to understand the difference between autobiography and memoir. Further, we will want to consider what is at stake historically and culturally when women write about themselves.

Works include Margaret Oliphant, *The Days of My Life*; Audre Lorde, *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*; Kim Lefèvre, *White Métisse*; Alison Bechdel, *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*; Gail Caldwell, *Let's Take the Long Way Home: A Memoir of Friendship*; Carmen Rita Wong, *Why Didn't You Tell Me? A Memoir*; and Annie Ernaux, *A Woman's Story*.

Kate Jensen

T/Th 12:00-1:20

WGS 7500

Gender and the Politics of the Body

This graduate seminar uses feminist inquiry to interrogate socio-cultural meanings of the body. We will explore how our bodies are implicated in gender, sexual, race, class, and disability classifications and hierarchies and the role power plays in these processes. We will ask, how is something so intimately experienced as the body shaped by political, economic, scientific, and cultural norms? Through a diverse set of readings, we will examine the ways bodies are invested with meaning through medicine, technologies, labor (productive and reproductive), and the environment.

Dana Berkowitz

W 3:00-5:50

4000-5000 Level Elective Courses

SOCIAL SCIENCES/HUMANITIES

ELRC 4370

Counseling Girls and Women

L. Choate

100% Web Based

SOCL 4521

Sociology of Gender

D. Thomas

T/Th 1:30-2:20

CROSS-CULTURAL

ANTH 4475

American Folklore

C. Ware

T/Th 1:30-2:50

EDCI 4800

Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom

K. Tobin

M 4:30-7:20

LAW 5541

Gender and the Law

This course deals with the following issues: women's de jure and de facto legal status in U.S. jurisdictions with some attention paid if time permits to the general legal status of women in European and Latin American countries. Topics to be covered include the history of suffrage and demands for equal rights for men and women, violence against women and violence committed by women, property rights, inheritance rights, reproductive rights, marriage, child custody, the definition of family, Title IX issues, employment discrimination, and gender issues in the legal profession. This course will not examine employment law or domestic relations law in as great depth as the Law Center's existing courses in these areas. Rather it is intended to situate these issues within the greater context of the law of gender.

Christine Corcos

MWF 10:20-11:20

Related Interest

You might be interested in taking these courses, but they are **not** already approved for the **Graduate Minor**. Please consult the list of **Approved Electives** for courses that will automatically count for the Minor. The WGSS Program would need to approve any Courses of Related Interest to count for the Minor.

LAW 5879

Law and Society (2 credits)

This seminar explores the intersection of law and society, expanding the law student's understanding of the interaction of law and culture. Using representative texts and depending on the semester, issues addressed will include the image of the lawyer and of the legal system in society and culture, the responsibility of the lawyer to others in society, the trial and the public imagination, and the literary interpretation of legal texts.

Christine Corcos

M 3:00-5:00

SW 7406

Social Work with LGBTQ+ People

The purpose of this course is to enhance students' professional competence with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people. Content explores social work practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels and across social, political, and economic realms.

Elaine Maccio

T 12:30-3:20