

## **Lower Division**

### **WGST 1000 Gender and Social Movements (4 semester hours)**

An interdisciplinary study of women in society through overview of the major issues, innovations, and debates that have characterized the field of Women's and Gender Studies. Course introduces history of feminist activism and discourse in the U.S. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

### **WGST 1100 Gender, Race, and Sexuality in Contemporary Society (4 semester hours)**

An introduction to critical thinking skills about concepts such as gender, race, class, and sexuality, how these intersect in lives of women of color together with women's strategies of surviving, resisting, and overcoming barriers. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

### **WGST 2000 Women in Global Communities (4 semester hours)**

This course explores feminism, gender, and sexuality within transnational frameworks. Transnational feminism is, at its broadest, the practice of feminism across borders. Thus, this course engages feminist critique that is attentive to issues of power and knowledge as they emerge, meet, or conflict across local, national, and international relations. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

### **WGST 2200 Women's Bodies, Health, and Sexuality (4 semester hours)**

This course explores the history and politics of women's health, bodies, and sexualities. Using an intersectional framework, students understand how bodies become a site for the social construction of race and sexuality. Course topics include: phenomenology, reproductive health, health and sexuality, health care access, the politics of disease, disability justice, and transgender health. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Understanding Human Behavior.

### **WGST 2500 Introduction to LGBT Studies (4 semester hours)**

An introduction to the interdisciplinary and intersectional field of LGBT studies. This course introduces students to the histories of modern ideas and norms about sexuality, especially where such norms intersect with the workings of white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, and settler colonialism. Course content provides sustained attention to both modalities of oppression and how LGBT communities have built and sustained resistance movements.

## Upper Division

### **WGST 3000 Feminist Theories (4 semester hours)**

Focuses on the historical roots of feminist political thought in relation to other social movements. Examines the intellectual traditions within feminist theory today such as postmodernism, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, queer theory, and the intersectional analyses produced by women of color. Juniors and seniors only. University Core fulfilled: Flags: Information Literacy, Writing.

### **WGST 3900 Gender, Race, and Disability (4 semester hours)**

Gender, Race, and Disability is a critical feminist study of disability justice, hetero-ableism, and normality. This course examines: the ways in which disability and gender are socially constructed and co-constructed via rhetorics of dependence and autonomy; the centrality of "interdependence" to both feminist and disability justice movements; the entanglement of disability and gender in over-diagnosis, underdiagnosis, and over- and under-representation of disability in cultural texts; disability and sex, including consent, competence, and access; and legal and cultural issues of disability justice in the current political moment. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections.

### **WGST 4001 Queer Theories (4 semester hours)**

This course explores the emergence, conceptual frameworks, themes, and critical tools of queer theory with a specific attention to the genealogies of queer theory known as Queer of Color critique. At its root, queer theory attempts to interrogate the structuring logics, or norms, that produce queer subjects. Queer of Color critique situates such analysis in an attention to the logics of racial formation, capitalism, labor, migration, imperialism, and the police state. Juniors and seniors only.

### **WGST 4100 Sex, Trade, Trafficking (4 semester hours)**

The course will address issues of racism, sexism, classism, and violence against women who are trafficked and those who also work as sex workers. We will discuss the relationship between ethics and human trafficking as well as who benefits from such approaches. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections.

### **WGST 4900 Senior Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies (4 semester hours)**

Designed as a last course for students obtaining the Women's and Gender Studies major or minor. Stress is on the organization and integration of knowledge gained regarding women in society. Prerequisites: **WGST 3100** Feminist Research Methods. Juniors and seniors only. Majors or minors only. Offered Spring semester.