



SPRING 2026
GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES
COURSE GUIDE

Gender and Women's Studies Courses

Spring 2026

Courses Offered by the GWS Department

(Includes Required Courses and Additional Electives for Majors and Minors. Go to page 5 for other GWS courses)

GWS 100: Intro to Gender Women's Studies credit: 3 hours.

Same as HDFS 140 and SOC 130 - This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Social & Behavioral Sciences-Social Sciences course

	AD1	CRN 52480	R	4-4:50 p.m.
	AD2	CRN 52485	R	5-5:50 p.m.
	AD3	CRN 52489	F	10-10:50 a.m.
	AD4	CRN 52493	F	11-11:50 a.m.
Khan, Mahruq	AL1	CRN 52469	MW	11-11:50 a.m.

Interdisciplinary introduction to the study of gender, women, and sexuality. Addresses issues such as social experience, representation and popular culture, femininities and masculinities, family structure, education, employment, economics, literature and the arts, religion, history, and technology. Explores interrelationships of race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, ability, and age from a transnational perspective.

GWS 201: Race, Gender, and Power credit: 3 hours.

Same as SOC 201 This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Cultural Studies-Western

Vergara Bracamontes, D	MKH	CRN 71805	MW	12-1:20 p.m.
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Presents multiple windows into perceptions and perspectives upon gender, sexuality, power, identity and culture, and their multiple intersections. The concept of race in its many manifestations is used to examine relationships of self to society, state institutions and cultures. By paying greater attention to race and power, nuanced understandings of the way the gender systems are maintained, patrolled and formed will be examined. Topics may include: film, media, technology, culture, religion, identities, sexualities.

GWS 288: Global Islam and Feminisms credit: 3 hours.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Cultural Studies- Non-West. Sam as AAS 288.

Kashani, M	MKH	CRN 76796	TR	9:30-10:50 a.m.
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Examines gender and sexuality in Muslim-majority societies and diasporas. Introduces students to transnational feminist theories and methodologies in order to examine key issues and debates. Topics include constructions of femininity and masculinity, imperialism and neo-imperialism, Islamic feminisms and exegesis, nationalisms, war and violence, sexuality, diaspora and transnationalism, and race and racialization.

GWS 317: Gender and Human rights credit: 3 hours.

Prerequisite: GWS 100, GWS 201, or GWS 202 are highly recommended.

Khan, M MKH CRN 77728 MW 2:00-3:20 p.m.

Examines the complex relationship between culture, gender roles, and gender-based human rights and violations. Addresses topics such as the evolution of the human rights framework, strategies and ethical dilemmas of human rights work, and transnational feminist activism. Students will discuss case studies of rights violations and local change-making strategies and will construct a human rights campaign on a gender-based issue.

GWS 335: Film, TV, and Gender: 3 hours.

Same as MACS 335.

Nadeau, C A CRN 61645 TR 11:00-12:20 p.m.

Examines the history and theory of film, television, and their interrelationship through one or more specific case studies. Topics may include: film and feminist movements; girl films; queer TV; gender, sport and TV. Focuses attention on gender and related issues such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, age, ability and disability, class, and nationality. Addresses issues of representation, narrative, genre, industry, audience, exhibition, media convergence, new and mobile media, and social space.

GWS 337: Interrogating Masculinities: 3 hours.

Frerichs, E A CRN 58525 MW 2:00-3:20 p.m.

Explores the social construction of gender as it pertains to masculinities in conjunction with analyses of race, class, gender, ability, and sexuality. Masculinities, in its various forms, shapes and lives of both women and men and this course will examine the construction, reproduction, and impact of masculinities on the institutions of politics, education, work, religion, sports, family, media, and the military to name a few. Paying careful attention to the conjunctions between materiality and culture, this course will interrogate how masculinities shape individual lives, groups, nationalisms, organizations, and institutions and will analyze the ways in which power functions within local transnational contexts. Above all, this course offers a road map for forging new, progressive models of masculinity.

GWS 350: Feminist & Gender Theory credit: 3 hours.

Smith, B BES CRN 50084 TR 3:30-4:50 p.m.

Interdisciplinary survey of feminist and gender theory. Traces developments in feminist theory and LGBT/Q approaches and explores contemporary debates.

GWS 385: Transnational Sexualities. credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 385. Prerequisite: GWS 100, GWS 201 or GWS 202 or consent of instructor.

Frerichs, E EF CRN 64896 MW 4:00-5:20 p.m.

Investigates the ways in which sexual identities change as national contexts change, as borders are imagined, valued, and crossed, and as definitions of race, gender, and religion shift. Interrogates how national and transnational identities (at home and abroad), modernities, histories, and colonial and global narratives are built on ideas of racialized sexualities, and as such, is

particularly interested in the study of queer diaspora. Importantly, this course utilizes transnational feminist frameworks for re-thinking issues related to sexuality, immigration, nation-building, race and gender. Areas of inquiry include imperialism, immigration, war, tourism and globalization.

GWS 390: Individual Study credit: 0 to 3 hours.

Special topics not treated in regularly scheduled classes. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours if topics vary. Prerequisite: One course in Gender and Women's Studies; consent of instructor.

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GWS 399: GWS Internship. credit: 3 hours.

Directed internship experience for GWS students. Students will complete course requirements in addition to holding a semester long internship. Students must have consent of the Internship Coordinator. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. Prerequisite: GWS major or minor; junior or senior standing and completion of six hours of coursework in GWS, or consent of the instructor.

Khan, M

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GWS 416: Latinx Feminisms. credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as LLS 416. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: At least one previous course in either GWS or LLS, or consent of instructor.

Velez, E

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CRN 75626

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11:00-1:50 p.m.

Velez, E

EVU

CRN 75625

M

11:00-1:50 p.m.

Examines historical and contemporary Latinx feminist thinking in its complex and uneven genealogies. Considers the multiplicity of Latinx identities and their complex relationship to Latinidad by attending to transnational issues of anti-Blackness; anti-Indigeneity; gender-based violence and femicides; colonization, colonialism, and coloniality; and feminist and LGBTQ struggles for liberation.

GWS 459: Gender, Sex, & Postcoloniality. credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as HIST 459. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GWS 100 or GWS 250 and GWS 350 or GWS 370; or consent of instructor.

Nadeau, Chantal

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12:30-3:20 p.m.

Nadeau, Chantal

JBU

CRN 63268

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12:30-3:20 p.m.

Explores the relationship of imperialism, sexuality, and race through the lens of postcolonial theory.

GWS 467: Locating Queer Culture. credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 468. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit.

Somerville, S SS

CRN 56859

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2:00-4:50 p.m.

Interdisciplinary study in diverse feminist theories and methods produced in and across various disciplines. Contemporary philosophical and theoretical developments in the study of gender to specific histories of class, race, ethnicity, nation and sexuality.

GWS 470: Transgender Studies. credit: 3 or 4 hours.

3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One course in Gender and Women's Studies at the 200- or 300-level, or consent of instructor.

Frerichs, E	EFG	CRN 46506	W	10:00-12:50 p.m.
Frerichs, E	EFU	CRN 46010	W	10:00-12:50 p.m.

What are the issues and politics related to transgender and transsexual identities? Students will examine and critically evaluate historical and contemporary debates that contest normative male/female binaries and traditional categorizations of sexuality. The course moves beyond these initial inquiries into gender theory to consider the effects of institutional discourses produced through stage and civil society. Taught with particular attention given to questions of race, national formations, medical, and legal discourses. Areas of inquiry may include gender theory, transnational identities, gendered and racial performances, medical and psychological diagnoses, violence, the law, and the Prison Industrial Complex. Through these topics, students will be asked to consider important questions over political and legal representation, autonomy, the rights of citizenship, and the practice of everyday life.

GWS 490: Individual Study. credit: 2 to 4 hours.

2 to 4 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite: Two courses in Gender and Women's Studies at the 200-400 levels; or junior standing; or consent of instructor.

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Supervised reading and research in Gender and Women's Studies chosen by the student with instructor approval.

GWS 495: Advanced Topics GWS: Black Girlhood Studies. credit: 3 or 4 hours.

3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Approved for letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 9 undergraduate hours or 12 graduate hours; may be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 12 undergraduate or 12 graduate hours.

Smith, B	BSG	CRN 70121	R	11:00-1:50 p.m.
Smith, B	BSU	CRN 70122	R	11:00-1:50 p.m.

This course is designed to introduce students to the interdisciplinary field of Black Girls' Studies/Black Girlhood Studies. Importantly, Black feminist theory, poetics and practice have always remembered and valued the experiences of Black girls and informs the design of this course and related lectures. Together, we will address various topics within the field, including foundations, lived experiences, sexuality, popular culture, arts, representation, policy, and digital humanities (broadly defined).

GWS 550: Feminist Theories & Methods. credit: 4 hours.

Prerequisite: At least one graduate-level humanities course or consent of instructor.

Velez, E	EV	CRN 39537	W	2:00-4:50 p.m.
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Interdisciplinary study in diverse feminist theories and methods produced in and across various disciplines. Contemporary philosophical and theoretical developments in the study of gender to specific histories of class, race, ethnicity, nation and sexuality.

GWS Cross listed/Area Elective Courses

GWS 204: Gender in Gaming credit: 3 hours.

Same as ENGL 277, GSD 204, and MACS 204.

Starks, K	KMS	CRN 68612	T	11:00-1:20 p.m.
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GWS 215: US Citizenship Comparatively credit: 3 hours.

Same as AAS 215, AIS 295, AFRO 215, and LLS 215. See AAS 215. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Cultural Studies- US Minority Humanities- Hist & Phil

Siglos, D	A	CRN 52320	TR	11:00-12:20 p.m.
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GWS 218: Intro to Social Issues Theater credit: 3 hours.

Same as THEA 218. See THEA 218.

Enslin, M	A	CRN 49364	MW	1:00-2:50 p.m.
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GWS 226: Black Women Contemp US Society credit: 3 hours.

Same as AFRO 226 and SOC 223. See AFRO 226.

O'Byrn, E	DMC	CRN 63816	MW	1:00-2:20 p.m.
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GWS 230: Latina/o Genders & Sexualities credit: 3 hours.

Same as LLS 230. See LLS 230. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria in Spring 2026 for: Cultural Studies - US Minority

Flores, N	A	CRN 63776	MW	12:00-1:20 p.m.
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GWS 240: Gender & Sexuality in Greco-Roman Antiquity credit: 3 hours.

Same as CLCV 240 and CWL 262. See CLCV 240. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Cultural Studies- Western Humanities- Lit& Arts

Austen, V	A	CRN 40090	MWF	1:00-1:50 p.m.
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GWS 285: US Gender History to 1877 credit: 3 hours.

Same as HIST 285. See HIST 285. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria in Spring 2026 for: Cultural Studies - US Minority & Humanities – Hist & Phil

Asaka, I	A	CRN 50042	MWF	10:00-10:50 a.m.
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GWS 305: Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality credit: 3 hours.

Same as AAS 300 and LLS 305. See AAS 300. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Advanced Composition

Siglos, D	A	CRN 69049	TR	2:00-3:520 p.m.
Cheslow, E	EJP	CRN 75281	M	5:00-7:50 p.m.

GWS 356: Sex & Gender in Popular Media: 3 hours.

Same as MACS 356. See MACS 356. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for a: Cultural Studies-Western

Cole, C	B	CRN 57064	MW	9:00-10:20 a.m.
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GWS 357: Literatures of the Displaced credit: 3 hours.

Same as AAS 357, AIS 357, ENGL 357 and LLS 357. See LLS 357.

De la Garza, J	A	CRN 70262	TR	11:00-12:20 p.m.
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GWS 409: Women's Health credit: 3 hours.

Same as HK 409. See HK 409.

Gobin, R	A	CRN 31276	TR	12:30-1:50 p.m.
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GWS 415: Africana Feminism credit: 3 or 4 hours.

Same as AFRO 415 and AFST 420. See AFRO 415.

Harrison, F	1	CRN 62163	F	9:00-11:50 a.m.
Harrison, F	G1	CRN 62184	F	9:00-11:50 a.m.

GWS 417: Leading Post-Perform Dialog credit: 4 hours.

Same as THEA 417. See THEA 417.

Enslin, M	LTD	CRN 47194	TR	4:00-5:50 p.m.
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GWS 418: Devising Social Issues Theatre credit:3 or 4 hours.

Same as THEA 418. See THEA 418.

Fay, L	A3	CRN 37113	MW	1:30-4:30 p.m
Fay, L	A4	CRN 37114	MW	1:30-4:30 p.m

GWS 432: Gender Communication credit:3 or 4 hours.

Same as CMN 432. See CMN 432.

Giorgio, G	1	CRN 37087	TR	11:00-12:20 p.m
Giorgio, G	2	CRN 37083	TR	12:30-1:50 p.m

GWS 442: Body, Culture & Society credit:3 or 4 hours.

Same as HK 442. See HK 442.

Haugen, M	OG1	CRN 71641		ARRANGED
Haugen, M	OU1	CRN 71643		ARRANGED

GWS 465: Race, Sex, and Deviance credit:3 or 4 hours.

Same as AAS 465, AFRO 465 and LLS 465. See LLS 465.

Flores, N	G	CRN 48492	M	3:00-5:20 p.m.
Flores, N	U	CRN 48491	M	3:00-5:20 p.m.

GWS 496: Experiments in Queer of color Performance credit:3 hours.

Same as AAS 496, ENGL 496, FAA 496, and THEA 486. See FAA 496.

Ruiz, S	A	CRN 77989	WF	2:00-4:50 p.m.
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GWS 512: Gender Relations & Intl Dev credit: 4 hours.

Same as SOCW 581 and WGGP. See WGGP 581.

Fogelman, C	A	CRN 54826	R	2:00-4:50 p.m.
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