

ISU WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS) PROGRAM

SPRING 2024 COURSE OFFERINGS

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	Course Description	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME	Gen Ed/IDEAS
UNDERGRADUATE CORE COURSES						
WGS 120	Gender, Sex, and Power	This interdisciplinary course uses an intersectional feminist framework to engage in contemporary conversations about gender, race, sex, sexuality, class, and power on a global scale. Students apply theories learned to their lived experiences as well as to current events while connecting historical and contemporary issues of social (in)justice.	Sundin	MW	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	IDEAS, Social Sciences (SS)
			Sundin	TuTh	9:35 am - 10:50 am	
			Sundin	TuTh	11:00 am - 12:15 am	
			Sundin	MW	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
			Weier	MWF	10:00 am - 10:50 am	
ENG 160	Intro to Studies in Women's Writing	Readings in a variety of genres and historical periods	TBA	MW	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	Humanities (H)
ENG 260	History of Literature By Women	A historical overview of writing by women.	Landers	MW	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
HIS 262	History of Women in the United States Since 1865	The role of women in the economic, social, political, and cultural history of America from 1865 to present.	Ciani	MW	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
POL 338	Gender & Political Theory	Examination of how gender shapes and is shaped by public policy formulation and implementation in different political and state contexts.	Webber	Tu	6:00 pm - 8:50 pm	
GRADUATE CORE COURSES						
WGS 490	Feminist Theories and Methodological Issues	An interdisciplinary approach to the methods, theories, and conceptual tools feminist scholars use to address social justice issues across a broad range of topics and academic disciplines. The course explores the historical and contemporary developments in feminist theory with particular attention to how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, coloniality, and other social identities.	Herbert	MW	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
ELECTIVES						
ART 311a03	Seminar in Visual Culture, History, and Theory: Text & Textiles	Seminar course examining artists who make work at the intersections of text and textile focusing on modern and contemporary artists.	Johnson	Tu	2:00 pm - 4:50 pm	
EAF 413	Critical Social Theory & Resistant Knowledge Projects	This course covers foundational and contemporary social theory with an eye towards using these tools of analysis within the realm of education.	Weiser	M	4:30 pm - 7:20 pm	
EAF 463	College Students & Their Cultures	Overview of different campus cultures from a developmental, historical, and philosophical perspective, and the types of students within them.	TBA	Tu	5:30 pm - 8:20 pm	
ENG 128 / LAN 128 / COM 128	Gender in the Humanities	Examination of gender roles, norms, and stereotypes from a broad range of perspectives within humanities across centuries and cultures.	TBA		Online	Language in the Humanities (LH)
			TBA		Online	
			Bowman	TuTh	9:35 am - 10:50 am	
			Bowman	TuTh	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	
			TBA	MWF	12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	
			Landers	MW	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	
			Landers	MW	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	
			TBA	TuTh	9:35 am - 10:50 am	
			TBA	TuTh	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	
			Zompetti	12/16-1/14	Winter Session online	
ENG 261	Women's Literature in a Global Context	Literature by women of diverse ethnicities to examine varieties of texts and their cultural construction.	Saunders	TuTh	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	Humanities (H)
ENG 351	Digital Rhetorics	Study of theory and research in digital rhetorics as a basis for the production of multimodal, web-based texts.	Sparby	TuTh	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
FCS 112 / SOC 112	American Family: Change and Diversity	Historical and comparative exploration of activities of family formation, maintenance, and reconfiguration in America. Emphasis on issues of diversity.	Su-Russel	MWF	10:00 am - 10:50 am	United States Tradition (UST)
			Bergfield		Online	
			Morbitzer	MWF	9:00 am - 9:50 am	
			Morbitzer	TuTh	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	
			Prestin-Beard		Online	
			Edwards	TuTh	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	
			Edwards	TuTh	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	

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HIS 308	Selected topics in European History	The study of European history through a topical approach. Topics will vary from semester to semester. Multiple enrollments allowed: maximum of 9 credit hours. Course repeat policy does not apply.	Kapoor	NW	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	
HIS 330	The Family in History	History of the family in Europe and America, viewing the changes from idealist, economic determinist, family systems, and psychoanalytic perspectives	Ciani	MW	11:00 am - 12:15 pm	
HIS 350	Women and Sexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome	An exploration of sources, methodologies, and debates concerning women, gender, and sexuality in ancient Greece and Rome.	Tsouvala	MW	9:35 am - 10:50 am	
PHI 202	Philosophy of Sex and Sexuality	Investigation of competing views about the nature of human sexuality, and their moral and social consequences.	Herbert		Online	
			Herbert	MW	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	
POL 225	Women in Politics	The study of the role of women in the political process.	Webber	TuTh	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	
PSY 305	Psychology of Women	Psychological research to place in scientific perspective the etiology and behavioral consequences of female- and male-oriented attitudes.	Mercier	MWF	11:00 am - 11:50 am	IDEAS
SOC 123	Human Sexuality	Basic psychological, socio-cultural, and physiological elements of human sexuality.	Sprecher		Online	
SOC 264	Racial, Social Class, and Gender Inequality	Examination of social constructions of race/ethnicity social class, and gender. How categories are transformed into systems of inequality nationally and globally.	Woodruff	TuTh	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	
WGS 292	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	Interdisciplinary survey of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual histories, politics, and cultures. Examines the struggle for LBGTQIA+ rights as they intersect with social-justice issues pertaining to race, class, citizenship, age, and ability. Topics include identities and subcultures before-and-after medical models of sexuality and gender, liberation movements, AIDS activism, nature/nurture interplay, and queer art, literature, and popular culture.	Whitesel	TuTh	12:35 pm - 1:50 pm	IDEAS
			Whitesel	TuTh	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	
WGS 391	Race, Whiteness, and Privilege	This course explores the construction, performance, and uses of whiteness as a racial category. It does so with care and attention whiteness's costs and losses to our collective humanity (Baldwin,1985). Whiteness and its attendant privileges cannot be reduced to skin color. They are a markers of power, prestige, and beauty that can be granted or withheld selectively at will (Painter, 2010). The course is interdisciplinary by design with readings by historians, journalists, essayists, philosophers, and artists. The class centers the voices of scholars who do not identify as white. Topics include: the history of racial categories in the U.S.; people of color's historical observations on whiteness (the literature of white exposure); white privilege; white fragility; 'white talk'; whiteness and ignorance; the inherited 'weight of whiteness' (Bailey, 2021), and recent work on anti-racism (allies/accomplices, and somatic abolitionism).	Bailey	MW	3:35 pm - 4:50 pm	
For more information, please contact the WGSS Academic Advisor at WGSAdvisor@ilstu.edu			Last Updated: Septemeber 25, 2023			