

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Spring 2027 Graduate Course Offerings

Core Course

WGS 490: Feminist Theories & Methodological Issues

- Tuesday / Thursday, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

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. 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.

Electives

ART 411A03: Seminar in Visual Culture & Theory: Text and Textiles

- Tuesday / Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Course examining artists who make work at the intersections of text and textile focusing on modern and contemporary artists. The course will begin with a chronological overview of textile/fiber art (weaving, embroidery, knitting/crochet, samplers, quilting, etc.) and its relationship to text, and then continue thematically (for example, attending to issues of gender & identity, social justice, poetics, narrative, collage & montage, materiality & form, and the now-historical divide of craft/art) and include work by writers/artists from antiquity to the present.

CJS 470: Seminar in International Justice, Human Rights, and Conflict Resolution

- Asynchronous Online

A study and critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues in international justice, human rights, and conflict resolution.

EAF 413: Critical Social Theory & Resistant Knowledge Projects

- Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

This course covers foundational and contemporary social theory with an eye towards using these tools of analysis within the realm of education.

EAF 463: College Students & Their Cultures

- Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Overview of different campus cultures from a developmental, historical, and philosophical perspective, and the types of students within them.

ENG 460: Feminist Literary Theories

- Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Advanced overview of interdisciplinary feminist paradigms, emphasizing English Studies and literature, theory, and social discourse.

PSY 405: Psychology of Women

- Monday / Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Psychological research to place in scientific perspective the etiology and behavioral consequences of female- and male-oriented attitudes.

PSY 451: Psychology of Diversity

- Tuesday / Thursday, 9:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Examination of theoretical, methodological, and applied issues relevant to the study and practice in psychology in multicultural settings. Graduate standing in Psychology.

SWK 456: Child and Family Policy

- Thursday, 5:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Examines federal and state social welfare policies affecting children and families, especially policy related to poverty and child maltreatment.

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WGS 491: Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Seminar – Gender & Power in Human – Animal Relationships

- Monday / Wednesday, 3:35 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

This course will explore sites where the politics of gender, race, and power meet up with stories people tell about relationships between humans and other animals. From Princess Mononoke to feminist theory to social media discourse, the way we talk and think about animals impacts our sense of what kinds of politics are possible in the world. Students will have an opportunity to create their own animal narratives and theories in addition to exploring those of others.

WGS 493: Black Feminist Thought

- Monday / Wednesday / Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

This course focuses on how the intersection of racism, sexism, class oppression, and other forms of domination plays out in the lives of Black women and other social groups in society. Students learn the analysis, conceptualization, and interpretation of Black women's and girls' lived realities by those who live it.