

ISU WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS) PROGRAM
SPRING 2022 COURSE OFFERINGS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	LOCATION	Course Description	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
UNDERGRADUATE CORE COURSES						
WGS 120	Gender, Sex, and Power	Online	An interdisciplinary introduction to how gendered and other structures of domination shape societies; how individual and collective actions engage and transform these structures.	Sundin	MW	2:00 - 3:15
		Online		Sundin	TR	9:35 - 10:50
		Online		Sundin	TR	11:00 - 12:15
		SCH 0207		Goldsmith	MWF	10:00 - 10:50
HIS 262	History of Women in the United States Since 1865	SCH 112	The role of women in the economic, social, political, and cultural history of America from 1865 to the present.	Ciani	MW	2:00 - 3:15
ENG 160	Intro to Studies in Women's Writing	STV 325	Readings in a variety of genres and historical periods	TBA	MW	2:00 - 3:15
ENG 261	Women's Literature in a Global Context	STV 228	Literature by women of diverse ethnicities to examine varieties of texts and their cultural construction.	Saunders	TR	2:00 - 3:15
ENG 360	Studies In Women's Writing: Proto-Intersectional Feminist Texts in English	Online	We will consider texts that might, looking back to 1768, be considered, ideologically and artistically, as reflective of intersectional feminism, beginning in particular with Phillis Wheatley's poem, "On Being Brought from Africa to America" and continuing to contemporary literatures. Other authors may include Mary Wollstonecraft, Frederick Douglass, Harret Jacobs, Nella Larsen, Zora Neale Hurston, Virginia Woolf, Gertrude Stein, Djuna Barnes, Audre Lorde, Quo-Li Driskill, and Akilah Oliver.	Fleisher	TR	2:00 - 3:15
POL 338	Gender & Political Theory	SCH 115	Examination of how gender shapes and is shaped by public policy formulation and implementation in different political and state contexts.	Webber	W	6:00 - 8:50

GRADUATE CORE COURSES

WGS 490	Feminist Theories and Methodological Issues	FH 0206	An interdisciplinary study of methods, theories, analyses and critiques used by feminist scholars to study feminist issues within and across a range of traditional disciplines.	Bailey	MW	2:00 - 3:15
ENG 460	Feminist Literary Theories: Apocalyptic Feminisms	STV 136B	In this class, we engage with feminist, antiracist, and Indigenous literary theories on environmental destruction, environmental justice, and apocalyptic literatures. Interdisciplinary in scope, this class will look at writing from across the disciplines. We will read work on apocalyptic life-conditions with a focus on the US, visions for a more just tomorrow, and research on environmental degradation. "Apocalyptic Feminisms" can be understood multi-directionally as feminisms discussing past and present apocalypses, visions for feminist apocalypses that will eradicate oppression, and toolkits for survival on this planet. Together we will think about what role we can play in building sustainable modes of living for all. Assignments will be creative in scope and will include: walking labs, applications for funding through the Office of Sustainability to execute actionable projects, and trash reflections. A film series will be organized alongside the in-class time and several field trips will be arranged. The reading list might include: Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing, Jonathan Lear, Cherie Dimaline, Alexis Pauline Gumbs, Jacqui Alexander, Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Donna Haraway, Dorceta E. Taylor, Annie Sprinkle, Robin Wall Kimmerer, and Andil Gosine, among others.	Przybylo	W	5:30 - 8:20

ELECTIVES						
COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	LOCATION	Course Description	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
CJS 339	Women In Criminal Justice	Online Asynchronous	Historical and theoretical perspectives and contemporary trends concerning women and crime and processing of women by the criminal justice system.	Beichner	NA	NA
		Online Asynchronous			NA	NA
CJS 342	Victimology	SCH 104	An examination of the victim's role in the criminal event, the process of victimization, patterns, trends, theories, and victim offender relationships.	Donna	Th	5:30 - 8:20
ENG 128	Gender in the Humanities	STV 229	Examination of gender roles, norms, and stereotypes from a broad range of perspectives within humanities across centuries and cultures.	TBD	TR	9:35 - 10:50
		STV 232		TBD	TR	11:00 - 12:15
		STV 348		TBD	MW	2:00 - 3:15
		STV 232		TBD	TR	12:35 - 1:50
		STV 232		TBD	MW	2:00 - 3:15
		STV 349		TBD	MW	3:35 - 4:50
		STV 212		TBD	TR	3:35 - 4:50
ENG 308	Asexualities and Aromanticisms Across Media	STV 234	"Asexualities and Aromanticisms Across Media" will provide students with the opportunity to engage with asexuality and aromanticism studies across media including academic articles, online essays, social media, zines, noevls, art, and graphic novels. While asexuality is commonly understood as lack of or low sexual attraction to others or desire in sexual activity, and aromanticism as little or no romantic attraction to others, we wil explore these terms and the intimate knowledge they generate in broad terms. Working across genres, we will consider how asexuality and aromanticism intersect with compulsory sexuality, amatonormativity, religiosity, gender, ability, race and racism, settler colonialism, transnationalism, mononormativity, and other systems of power. The capstone project for this course will be collective work on an edited special issue of an online journal that will focus on work produced by asexual (ace) and aromantic (aro) authors and content. In this sense, this class can count for students seeking Publishing Studies credit. This class can also be arranged to count towards the WGSS Minor, the Queer Studies Concentration, and the WGSS Graduate Certificate.	Przybylo	MW	3:35 - 4:50

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HIS 307	Gender and Imperialism	SCH 201	This course examines the place of gender in the creation and maintenance of empires. Among the topics to be addressed are the following: imperial prescriptions for femininity, masculinity, sexuality and family life; constructions of difference in representations of both “colonized” and “colonizing” peoples; the intersection of gender and race in the formation of imperial identities; “civilizing missions”; and the role of class, alongside gender, in the preoccupation of imperial powers with (re)producing “the nation” and determining citizenship “at home.” Although the empires to be discussed were centered in Europe, England and the United States, the focus will not be limited to the impact of “the West” on “others”; rather, the course seeks to explore also the ways in which “non-western” peoples shaped, appropriated for their own gain, and resisted imperial power.	Varga-Harris	TR	9:35 - 10:50
HIS 350	Women and Sexuality in Ancient Greece and Rome	SCH 104	An exploration of sources, methodologies, and debates concerning women, gender, and sexuality in ancient Greece and Rome.	Tsouvala	MW	9:35 - 10:50
HIS 417	Topics in 20th Century U.S. History: Using Women's History to Explore Activist Energies	SCH 102	This readings seminar will explore scholarship focused on the activism in the 20th century U.S. that women led and congregated toward. It will include efforts to secure voting rights for disenfranchised people, to establish public health initiatives, to challenge constraints on women's reproductive freedoms, to participate in diplomatic ventures, and to create supports for survivors of partner violence and rape. Students will develop their connections to these historiographies and explore the ways that women's history has been catalogued (or not) in libraries, archives, and museums.	Ciani	W	6:00 - 8:50
PHI 202	Sex, Values, and Human Nature	STV 347B	Investigation of competing view about the nature of human sexuality, and their moral and social consequences.	Herbert	MW	12:35 - 1:50
		STV 228			MW	2:00 - 3:15

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PHI 340	Topics in Legal and Political Philosophy: Language & Power	STV 227A	Language plays a central role in our interactions with others in the world: it helps us to convey our thoughts and to foster relationships and build communities. It can also be a powerful mechanism through which to derogate, marginalize, or subordinate people. This course will examine how language draws on, exerts, and reinforces social power. We'll make sure of classic ideas from philosophy of language to address contemporary concerns about social discourse. We'll start by examining famous arguments in support of freedom of speech. One of the central questions of the course is how these arguments work when we understand speech not merely as a way to convey information, but as an action which itself can have a significant impact on others. Much of the course will focus on the everyday effect of things like hate speech and derogatory terms. We'll pay specific attention to how language plays out online through the use of jokes, memes, and practices of trolling. We'll examine the role of social authority and the ways in which discourse can be distorted by features of the participants' identities. Finally, we'll discuss whether, how, and when resistance to harmful speech is possible.	Herbert	MW	5:00 - 6:15
POL 225	Women in Politics	Online Asynchronous	The study of the role of women in the political process.	Webber	NA	NA
FCS 112	American Family: Change and Diversity	TUR 213	Historical and comparative exploration of activities of family formation, maintenance, and reconfiguration in America. Emphasis on issues of diversity.	Bergfield	MWF	9:00 - 9:50
		TUR 213		Bergfield	MWF	10:00 - 10:50
		TUR 213		Morbitzer	MWF	11:00 - 11:50
		TUR 205		Morbitzer	TR	9:35 - 10:50
		Online Asynchronous		Prestin-Beard	NA	NA

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SOC 112	American Family: Change and Diversity	SCH 138	Historical and comparative exploration of activities of family formation, maintenance, and reconfiguration in America. Emphasis on issues of diversity.	Woodruff	MWF	9:00 - 9:50
		SCH 238		Willets	MW	3:35 - 4:50
		Online, Winter Session		Willets	NA	NA
SOC 123	Human Sexuality	Online	Basic psychological, socio-cultural, and physiological elements of human sexuality.	Sprecher	NA	NA
		Online, Winter Session		Sprecher	NA	NA
SOC 311	Selected Studies Issues in Gerontology	SCH 215	Advanced treatment of selected subjects in gerontology.	Wellin	TR	2:00 - 3:15
SOC 342	Sociology of the Body	SCH 204	Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to study the body in social life. Special emphasis on non-normative bodies.	Whitesel	W	5:00 - 7:50
THE 375 002	Indigenous Theatre & Performance	CW 302	Explore contemporary Indigenous theatre/performance in North America while examining how theatre/performance intersects with contemporary socio-political issues for Indigenous people in the Americas. Our first readings will ask us to think about indigeneity hemispherically, across colonial geo-political borders. The majority of our planned readings will come from North America, with some essays about collaborative projects with Indigenous groups in South America.	Haugo	MW	3:00 - 4:15
WGS 291	Seminar: Undergraduate Teaching Assistants		Supervised examination of issues related to the Undergraduate Teaching Experience. Seminar requires time beyond the UTA work experience. Maximum of 3 credits.	Contact Jenna Goldsmith	ARR	Arrange
WGS 292	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	SCH 214	Interdisciplinary introduction to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer studies. Topics include LGBTQ histories, social movements, politics, and cultures.	Whitesel	TR	12:35 - 1:50
WGS 390	Interdisciplinary Research in Women's and Gender Studies	Directed Research	Students will research and write on an interdisciplinary topic of their choice relevant to WGSS.	Contact Jenna Goldsmith	ARR	Arrange

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WGS 391	Black Feminist Thought	SCH 103	Learn about the intellectual, political, and creative contributions that African American women have made to feminist and womanist scholarship and activism at the intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality, nationality, and immigration status. This class explores the historical and contemporary developments of Black Feminist thought as it intersects with questions of identity, resistance, empowerment, and cultural expression.	Hall	TR	11:00 - 12:15
WGS 392	Queer and Transgender Theory	SCH 103	Research in the interdisciplinary field of LGBT/Queer Studies, emphasizing how queer theory informs a variety of academic disciplines and discourses.	Whitesel	TR	3:35 - 4:50
WGS 398	Professional Practice: Internship in Women's and Gender Studies (Undergraduates)	Professional Practice	Intern with ISU's University Housing Services during the inaugural year of the Rainbow Floor Living-Learning Community in Watterson. Learn about LGBTQ+ advocacy and higher education.	Contact Jenna Goldsmith	Arrange	Arrange
			Earn credit for helping organize and archive WGSS program materials, conduct oral histories with those affiliated with the program, and plan the 50th anniversary celebration.		Arrange	Arrange
			Work with ISU's Human Resources to help launch the Search Advocate Program, a program that makes hiring practices more equitable and ethical across the University.		Arrange	Arrange
WGS 400	Independent Research in Women's and Gender Studies	Directed Research	Research paper or supervised readings on topic relevant to Women's and Gender Studies. Proposal signed by a faculty advisor and the Director or Assistant Director of Women's and Gender Studies required prior to registration. Refer to Index for General Courses in the Graduate Catalog. May be repeated for credit if topic is different. A maximum of 9 hours total credits from the course group 393/397/400/493/498 may count toward a master's degree. Within that 9 hours, no more than 6 may come from 400	Contact Jenna Goldsmith	Arrange	Arrange
WGS 498	Professional Practice: Internships in Women's and Gender Studies (Graduate Students)	Professional Practice	Supervised work experience in local, state, national, or international businesses, agencies, institutions, or organizations, including teaching internships, focusing on women's and gender issues. A maximum of 9 total credit hours from the course group 393/397/400/493/498 may count toward a master's degree. Within that 9 hours, 498 is further limited to not more than 20% of the total hours required for the degree.	Contact Jenna Goldsmith	Arrange	Arrange

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