

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGST)

## **WGST 1950 BLACK WOMEN IN AMERICA (3 credits)**

Examines the evolution of the social, economic, and political status of the black woman in this society, with special emphasis on her struggle for freedom and equality. (Cross-listed with BLST 1950)

## **WGST 2000 TOPICS IN GENDER, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (1-3 credits)**

A variety of topics primarily for the non-major. (For example, this course might study the image of the American businesswoman in American literature.) One or two such topics may be offered each term, depending upon current student interest and available faculty. Students should consult each term's class schedule in order to determine the specific topics for that term.

## **WGST 2010 INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

A survey course which explores social science perspectives on women, men, and gender, including the biological contribution to human behavior and the impact of science as an institution. Examines challenges to traditional definitions of women's place and movements for change. Includes historical and multicultural materials.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** ENGL 1150.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course and Social Science General Education course

## **WGST 2020 INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES: HUMANITIES (3 credits)**

An introduction to women's and gender studies in the humanities (literature, art, dance, music, theatre, philosophy). Explores both historical and contemporary images of women in these fields; discusses the context in which these images developed. Introduces the basic concepts and terminology of women's and gender studies.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** ENGL 1150.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course and Humanities and Fine Arts General Education course

## **WGST 2030 INTRODUCTORY TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (3 credits)**

This course offers an introductory level course in Women's Studies from a topics approach. The content will vary from semester to semester, according to instructor. May be repeated for credit when topic differs.

## **WGST 3000 SPECIAL TOPICS IN LITERATURE (1-3 credits)**

Special Topics in Literature (1-3). A study of designated specific topics in literature. (May be repeated for credit as long as the topic is not the same.)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Variable according to topic.

## **WGST 3020 GENDER AND LEADERSHIP I (3 credits)**

This course studies scholarship on and the practices of gender and leadership for junior-level undergraduate students. It is a service-learning course.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 2010 or WGST 2020, junior standing or permission.

## **WGST 3050 WOMEN IN RUSSIAN SOCIETY & CULTURE: A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE (3 credits)**

This course discusses the history of women in Russia beginning from early Russia (10th Century) to the present. It includes the study of feminist activists, female educational, professional, and employment opportunities, historical and current status of women, and their social, cultural, and intellectual influences on Russian society. Course offered in English. (Cross-listed with RUSS 3050)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior or permission.

## **WGST 3080 HEALTH CONCEPTS OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT (3 credits)**

An examination of factors influencing sexual development. Emphasis is given to topics pertinent to healthful living in today's culturally diverse, global society. Health education students will gain skills needed to orchestrate a learning environment conducive to developing sexual awareness. (Cross-listed with HED 3080).

## **WGST 3100 LGBT POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to the political struggle for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) equal rights in the United States using a model of political empowerment, which may be applied for all minority or identity groups and social movements, generating operationalized measures of progress toward the loci of political power. (Cross-listed with PSCI 8105, PSCI 3100, WGST 8105)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 is recommended.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

## **WGST 3120 WOMEN AND THE BIBLE (3 credits)**

A survey of the female characters of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, a critical analysis of Biblical imagery of and teachings concerning women, and an examination of the impact of Biblical interpretations on women in society. (Cross-listed with RELI 3130).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior, and three hours in Religion or Women's Studies or permission.

## **WGST 3130 WOMEN AND POLITICS (3 credits)**

This course introduces students to women's political participation, including holding elective office, socialization, the feminist movement and its opposition, and public policies with particular impact on women. The focus is on contemporary perspectives on women in American political ideas and behavior. (Cross-listed with PSCI 3130, PSCI 8135, WGST 8135)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 1100 is recommended.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

## **WGST 3230 GENDER AND GLOBAL POLITICS (3 credits)**

This seminar introduces students to gender politics in comparative and international politics. (Cross-listed with PSCI 3230, PSCI 8235, WGST 8235)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** PSCI 2500 is recommended.

**Distribution:** Global Diversity General Education course

## **WGST 3250 THE FEMININE IN MYTHOLOGY (3 credits)**

The course will acquaint students with (1) the images of the feminine in the earliest strata of human culture, (2) the symbols of the feminine in the myths of the primary religious traditions of the world, and (3) the role of feminine image-making within contemporary religious consciousness. (Cross-listed with RELI 3250).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior, or three hours in Religion, or permission.

## **WGST 3390 WOMEN, CRIME AND JUSTICE (3 credits)**

This course focuses on women's experiences in the criminal justice system. The course will examine women's experiences as victims of crime, as offenders, as prisoners, and as criminal justice professionals. (Cross-listed with CRCJ 3390)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Upper-division CRCJ or WGST major; CRCJ or WGST minor; CRCJ 1010 and jr/sr standing; or instructor permission.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

## **WGST 3490 GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY (3 credits)**

This course examines philosophical arguments concerning gender and sexual difference, gender issues and women in the history of philosophy, and major views in feminist theory. (Cross-listed with PHIL 3490).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior or 6 hours in PHIL or 6 hours in WGST.

**WGST 3580 QUEENS AND MISTRESSES OF EARLY MODERN EUROPE (3 credits)**

This course will consider the historical impact of women who occupied roles of potential influence in early modern Europe. Attention will be given to social, cultural and intellectual influences as well as any political influence which any of them may have had. (Cross-listed with HIST 3580)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior.

**WGST 3600 SPECIAL TOPICS IN GENDER AND RELIGION (3 credits)**

The content of this course varies from semester to semester, giving instructor and students an opportunity to investigate various subjects of interest in religious studies. (May be repeated for credit as long as the topic is different.)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior, three hours in religion, or permission of instructor.

**WGST 3750 GENDER AND COMMUNICATION (3 credits)**

This course provides a survey of literature on communication about, by, and between women and men in society, personal relationships, and organizations. Students develop an understanding of how cultural meanings of gender both shape and are shaped by communication. (Cross-listed with CMST 3750).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior standing; minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25. Not open to non-degree graduate students.

**Distribution:** U.S. Diversity General Education course

**WGST 4010 SENIOR SEMINAR (3 credits)**

This course provides a capstone experience in women's studies. It serves as the third writing course, and is required for women's studies majors. It is open to seniors who have completed five courses in women's studies, including WGST 2010 and WGST 2020, with a 'C' or better; others may enroll with permission.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Senior standing, completion of five women's studies courses, including WGST 2010 and WGST 2020, with a grade of 'C' or better; or permission.

**WGST 4020 INTERNSHIP IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (1-6 credits)**

A faculty-supervised project involving part-time employment or service with a community agency, business, non-profit organization, university or other educational unit, or another appropriate organization or setting. Students will gain relevant practical experience and will integrate theory, concepts, and empirical knowledge from their classrooms with their work in the internship setting. Permission of instructor is required.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 2010 and WGST 2020, enrollment either as a WGST major or minor or as a BGS concentration in WGST, a 3.0 GPA, and permission of instructor.

**WGST 4030 GENDER AND LEADERSHIP II (3 credits)**

In addition to a survey of leadership styles and theories, Gender and Leadership II provides historical and contemporary perspectives of gender and leadership, barriers to women's leadership, bias, and discrimination. Individual leadership is examined within the context of being a change agent. This is a service learning course.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 3020

**WGST 4040 RELIGION AND HOMOSEXUALITY (3 credits)**

A study of homoeroticism in (1) ancient Near Eastern and classical Mediterranean traditions, and in (2) traditions from one or more non-Western cultural regions. The course will include cross-cultural study of religious understandings of homosexuality in modern cultures, with attention to the relation between sexuality and spirituality and to issues of gender identity. (Cross-listed with RELI 4040).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior standing, six hours in religion and/or women's studies, or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4050 SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (3 credits)**

This course will give instructor and students the opportunity to investigate a variety of advanced topics in Women's Studies. The content will vary from semester to semester, according to instructor. May be repeated for credit as long as topic differs.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 2010 and WGST 2020 or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4060 HISTORY OF WOMEN IN AMERICA FROM 1875 - 1922 (3 credits)**

This course examines the history of women in the United States from 1875 to 1922. Topics include law, work, sexuality and reproduction, immigration, civil rights, political participation and party politics, and changes to the American gender system, including family structure and employment. (Cross-listed with HIST 4060, WGST 8066, and HIST 8066).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4070 GENDER AND LEADERSHIP: COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT (3 credits)**

This course is designed for students in the final stage of the Gender and Leadership Certificate. Activities include practical experience in an organization that will allow students to exercise, observe, and later share lessons with classmates about leadership qualities and skills.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 3020 and WGST 4030

**WGST 4120 BLACK WOMEN LEADERS IN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (3 credits)**

This course studies scholarship on race, gender, and leadership with a specific focus on African and African descended women's roles in liberation movements in the U.S. and worldwide. Especial focus will be on the use of their personal narratives to analyze the wide range of ideas in the conception and execution of leadership. (Cross-listed with BLST 4120)

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior standing or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4130 GENDER & LEADING SOCIAL CHANGE (3 credits)**

This course will cover theories, philosophies, movements, and concepts related to social change as a process and outcome. It is a service-learning course.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** WGST 2010 or 2020. Junior standing or permission.

**WGST 4150 GEOGRAPHY, GENDER AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (3 credits)**

An advanced seminar focused on links among geography, gender and work, emphasizing leadership and entrepreneurship. The course considers theory and method in addition to empirical work. The nature of space, of gender, and of work, are examined. Topics include the gendering of work, the geography of entrepreneurship, gender and leadership. (Cross-listed with ENTR 4150, ENTR 8156, GEOG 4150, GEOG 8156 and WGST 8156).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior, senior, or graduate standing, or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4250 INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES IN LITERATURE (3 credits)**

A critical study of literature by and about women in which students learn about contributions of women to literature, ask what literature reveals about the identity and roles of women in various contexts, and evaluates standard interpretations from the perspectives of current research and individual experience. (Cross-listed with ENGL 4250).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** ENGL 1160 and one additional course in literature or permission.

**WGST 4260 WOMEN OF COLOR WRITERS (3 credits)**

Women of Color writers is designed to introduce students to the multicultural, literacy experience and contributions of women of color writers. The course will elucidate the multi-ethnic and feminist/womanist perspectives reflected in literary works by examining the themes, motifs and idioms used to portray woman. The course examines critically the implications and conceptual grounds of literary study which have been based almost entirely on male literary experiences.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** English major or permission of instructor.

**WGST 4270 WOMEN WRITERS OF THE WEST (3 credits)**

A survey of American and Canadian women writers who explore issues of settlement, land use, cultural displacement, and survival in western territories, states, and provinces. Readings span 19th and 20th-Century literacy and reflect the cultural diversity of the American and Canadian west. (Cross-listed with ENGL 8276 and ENGL 4270).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** ENGL 1150 and 1160 or equivalent; ENGL 2410 recommended.

**WGST 4470 AMERICAN MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH (3 credits)**

Analysis of the relationship and interaction of medical thought and practice, public health problems and institutional development, and the changes in American society and culture from the 17th to the 20th century. (Cross-listed with WGST 8476, HIST 4470 and HIST 8476).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior.

**WGST 4550 HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING (3 credits)**

This course emphasizes health promotion for older adults. Special health needs of older Americans are compared and contrasted with health needs for other age groups. Prevention or delaying of chronic diseases and disorders are emphasized. (Cross-listed with HED 4550, HED 8556, GERO 4550, GERO 8556)

**WGST 4880 WOMEN'S ISSUES IN SOCIAL WORK (3 credits)**

Topics and experiences in social work theory and practice pertaining to women's issues. Specifics will be announced when the course is offered. The topics selected will be consistent with faculty expertise and student needs. This course may be repeated for up to nine hours credit.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior or senior, or graduate standing in a social science.

**WGST 4910 TOPICS IN WOMEN'S HISTORY (3 credits)**

A course on selected topics offered on a one-time or occasional basis. Course may be repeated as long as the topic is different each time. Cross listed with WGST 4910/WGST 8916 when topics are appropriate to Women's and Gender Studies.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Junior

**WGST 4930 SPECIAL TOPICS IN GENDER AND ART HISTORY (1-3 credits)**

An illustrated lecture course dealing with a limited topic in the field of art history. The course may be coordinated with an external event such as an exhibition, publication or study trip.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** To be determined by the instructor based upon the preparation required for an adequate understanding of the material of the course. Lab fee required.

**WGST 4960 TOPICS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (3 credits)**

Specific subjects (when offered) appear in class schedules. Complete syllabi available in English Department. Formerly ENGL4940 / ENGL 8946 Studies in Language and Literature. (Cross-Listed with ENGL 4960).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Will vary depending on what the topic is.

**WGST 4970 PRO-SEMINAR (1-3 credits)**

Detailed study of narrower phases of literature, language, or culture. (Cross-listed with WGST 8976).

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Permission

**WGST 4990 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 credits)**

An individualized course of study with a member of the Women's and Gender Studies Faculty. Either independent research or advanced readings may be pursued. No more than 6 hours of independent study may be used towards the minor.

**Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):** Permission from the Women's Studies director and the supervising faculty member is required.