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WGST 5000 [0.5 credit]

Issues for Feminist Scholarship

Selected issues based on the research expertise of the Instructor, designed to provide students with a broad introduction to the diversity of women's experiences within that issue. Critical issues related to race, class, gender and ability.

WGST 5001 [0.5 credit]

Research Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies

An examination of the Instructor's research focus (topics will vary from year-to-year) with respect to issues of feminist methodologies and epistemology related to developing and conducting feminist or women-centred research. The focus is interdisciplinary.

WGST 5003 [0.5 credit]

Traversing Feminisms

Interdisciplinary overview of key historical concepts in Women's and Gender Studies in the areas of theory, epistemology, and research design. Topics will vary from year to year. The course provides additional background for students entering Women's and Gender Studies from other disciplines.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Institute.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 4003, for which additional credit is precluded.

WGST 5060 [0.5 credit]

African Feminisms

African feminisms as theoretical interventions and as political practice, and as diverse forms. Gender as a marker of power: status, hierarchy, social capability, and as a system of distribution of resources, responsibilities and solidarities.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as AFRI 5060.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 4060, for which additional credit is precluded.

WGST 5102 [0.5 credit]

Queer Theory

A critical approach to gender and sexuality by engaging in key debates and texts in the field of queer theory and studies.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): Graduate student standing and permission of the institute.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as SXST 4102, for which additional credit is precluded.

WGST 5900 [0.5 credit]

Program Seminar

MA candidates are required to take part in a seminar in which faculty members and students discuss new work in the field, analyze current issues in Women's and Gender Studies, and pursue topics of professional development. Students will prepare their thesis or research paper.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for WGST 5905 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): Permission of the Institute.

WGST 5901 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies I

The applications of gender to different fields of knowledge, cultural expression, and institutional regulation. Gender will be interrogated as it intersects with race, class, ethnicity, age, ability and cross-cultural perspectives.

WGST 5902 [0.5 credit]

Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies II

Selected topics may include: gender, power and social inequalities; women's writing; gender history; gender, sexuality and music embodiment; race, gender and imperialism; gender, criminology and criminal justice; queer theory; transnational feminisms.

WGST 5906 [0.5 credit]

Feminist Theory

An analysis of contemporary feminist theoretical debates that provides students with competence in the application of a range of theoretical models, and an appreciation of their specific historical contexts and development.

WGST 5907 [0.5 credit]

Researching Women's and Gender Issues

Consideration of a range of research methodologies and approaches relevant to women's and gender studies. In particular, students will examine the impact of gender studies on epistemological and methodological issues in a variety of academic disciplines.

WGST 5908 [1.0 credit]**Research Essay**

An examination of an approved topic in an area of specialization of either the Institute faculty or associated faculty from across the University. Students will have a supervisor and a second reader.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

WGST 5909 [2.0 credits]**M.A. Thesis**

A substantial investigation of a topic in Women's and Gender Studies that will be determined in consultation with the Institute. Students will have a primary supervisor selected from within the Institute or from associated Faculty across the University. The candidate will be examined orally.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

WGST 5910 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Directed study on selected topics may be arranged with a faculty member or visiting scholar with the permission of the Institute. Students cannot accumulate more than 1.0 credit in directed studies towards their degree requirements.

WGST 5911 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Directed study on selected topics may be arranged with a faculty member or visiting scholar with the permission of the Institute. Students cannot accumulate more than 1.0 credit in directed studies towards their degree requirements.

WGST 5920 [1.0 credit]**Internship in Women's and Gender Studies**

Experience in applied feminisms through a combination of classroom seminars and internship. Each project will be negotiated individually as a contract between the student, instructor and institutional partner. Students must complete both the in-class and the internship portion of the course.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in the M.A. Women's and Gender Studies program.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as WGST 4801, for which additional credit is precluded.