WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGST)

WGST 1000 Gender and Social Movements (4 semester hours)
An interdisciplinary study of women in society through overview of the major issues, innovations, and debates that have characterized the field of Women's and Gender Studies. Course introduces history of feminist activism and discourse in the U.S. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

WGST 1100 Gender, Race, and Sexuality in Contemporary Society (4 semester hours)
An introduction to critical thinking skills about concepts such as gender, race, class, and sexuality, how these intersect in lives of women of color together with women's strategies of surviving, resisting, and overcoming barriers. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

WGST 1998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)
WGST 1999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)
WGST 2000 Women in Global Communities (4 semester hours)
This course explores feminism, gender, and sexuality within transnational frameworks. Transnational feminism is, at its broadest, the practice of feminism across borders. Thus, this course engages feminist critique that is attentive to issues of power and knowledge as they emerge, meet, or conflict across local, national, and international relations. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

WGST 2200 Women's Bodies, Health, and Sexuality (4 semester hours)
This course explores the history and politics of women's health, bodies, and sexualities. Using an intersectional framework, students understand how bodies become a site for the social construction of race and sexuality. Course topics include: phenomenology, reproductive health, health and sexuality, health care access, the politics of disease, disability justice, and transgender health. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Understanding Human Behavior.

WGST 2300 Mathematics: Contributions by Women (4 semester hours)
(See MATH 261.)

WGST 2500 Introduction to LGBT Studies (4 semester hours)
An introduction to the interdisciplinary and intersectional field of LGBT studies. This course introduces students to the histories of modern ideas and norms about sexuality, especially where such norms intersect with the workings of white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, and settler colonialism. Course content provides sustained attention to both modalities of oppression and how LGBT communities have built and sustained resistance movements.

WGST 2998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)
WGST 2999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)
WGST 3000 Feminist Theories (4 semester hours)
Focuses on the historical roots of feminist political thought in relation to other social movements. Examines the intellectual traditions within feminist theory today such as postmodernism, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, queer theory, and the intersectional analyses produced by women of color. University Core fulfilled: Flags: Information Literacy, Writing. Junior or senior standing required.

WGST 3100 Feminist & Queer Research Methods (4 semester hours)
Required course for all WGST Majors and open to all minors. In preparing for their capstone project, students will examine feminist methodologies through hands-on research and considers the complex relationships between researchers and their subjects, the impact of social location on our field of vision, ethical issues in the research process, as well as research that facilitates social and gender justice. Only offered in the Fall semester. University Core fulfilled: Flags: Engaged Learning Junior or senior standing required.

WGST 3200 Gender, Race, and Environmental Justice (4 semester hours)
This course explores the relationships between peoples and environments, focusing on the roles and resources, identity, power relations, and geography. The course explores the theoretical and material implications of the different ways in which environmental injustice leads to the degradation of gendered environments and bodies. The course will provide multiple interdisciplinary perspectives on the state of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and the environment. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections

WGST 3300 Gender, Race, and the Graphic Novel (4 semester hours)
This course explores how the space of the graphic novel can serve as a cultural space for critical engagement with ideologies of race, gender, nation, class, and sexuality. Critically examining visual language that is presented in the graphic novel, students will examine the ways it challenges iconographic images of ethnic and gendered representation. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Creative Experience.

WGST 3301 Literature by Women of Color (4 semester hours)
The course explores contemporary literature by women of color in the United States and their immigrant experiences. It attends to the ways that authors imaginatively use genres to represent and challenge gender and race construction.

WGST 3302 The Image of Woman in Nineteenth-Century England (4 semester hours)
(See ENGL 3342.)

WGST 3303 Twentieth-Century Women's Writing (4 semester hours)
(See ENGL 3343.)

WGST 3304 Italian Women Writers (4 semester hours)
(See ITAL 3580.)

WGST 3305 Angels and Demons: Women and Literary Stereotypes (4 semester hours)
(See MDGK 3343.)

WGST 3306 Out of Control: Women, Madness, and the Cultural Imagination (4 semester hours)
(See MDGK 3346.)

WGST 3307 Gender Communication (4 semester hours)
(See CMST 3110.)

WGST 3308 Chicanas and Latinas in the U.S. (4 semester hours)
(See CLST 3302.)

WGST 3400 Women in the Middle East (4 semester hours)
This course explores the themes and variations in women's lives in the Middle East. Particular attention will be paid to family structures, rural-urban, social class and ethnic differences, social and political movements, religion, work, and education.

WGST 3401 Black Identities, Families, and Cultures (4 semester hours)
(See AFAM 4342.)

WGST 3403 Hip Hop Culture (4 semester hours)
(See AFAM 4422.)
WGST 3900 Feminist Theories (4 semester hours)
Focuses on the historical roots of feminist political thought in relation to other social movements. Examines the intellectual traditions within feminist theory today such as postmodernism, psychoanalysis, postcolonial theory, and the intersectional analyses produced by women of color. Junior or senior standing required.

WGST 4001 Queer Theories (4 semester hours)
This course explores the emergence, conceptual frameworks, themes, and critical tools of queer theory with a specific attention to the genealogies of queer theory known as Queer of Color critique. At its root, queer theory attempts to interrogate the structuring logics, or norms, that produce queer subjects. Queer of Color critique situates such analyses in an attention to the logics of racial formation, capitalism, labor, migration, imperialism, and the police state. Junior or senior standing required.

WGST 4100 Sex, Trade, Trafficking (4 semester hours)
The course will address issues of racism, sexism, classism, and violence against women who are trafficked and those who also work as sex workers. We will discuss the relationship between ethics and human trafficking as well as who benefits from such approaches. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections

WGST 4101 Queer Migration and Diaspora (4 semester hours)
Examines how gender and sexuality are experienced in global contexts through neoliberal globalization, the feminization of labor and migration, environmental degradation, diaspora, sexuality, cultural displacement, and militarization. Explores the ways queer people have confronted these conditions as well as the possibilities and challenges of cross-border coalitions.

WGST 4200 Sex, Race, and Violence (4 semester hours)
(See AFAM 4642.)

WGST 4300 Women in Film (3 semester hours)
(See FTVS 3300.)

WGST 4400 Women and Politics (4 semester hours)
(See POLS 4330.)

WGST 4404 Latina Feminist Theory (4 semester hours)
(See CLST 4404.)

WGST 4500 Feminisms in Action (4 semester hours)
In this course, students will be matched with local partners to explore feminist social justice work in a community setting. Students will plan and conduct an independent community-based learning project. Simultaneously, students will explore career options in the non-profit/public service sector. As such, students will gain valuable experience and mentorship as they explore future career options. University Core Fulfilled: Flags: Engaged Learning

WGST 4900 Senior Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies (4 semester hours)
Designed as a last course for students obtaining the Women's and Gender Studies major or minor. Stress is on the organization and integration of knowledge gained regarding women in society. Only offered during the Spring semester. Junior or senior standing required. Majors or minors only. Prerequisites: WGST 3100 Feminist Research Methods

WGST 4901 Service Learning in Women's and Gender Studies (4 semester hours)
The internship in Women's and Gender Studies combines practical experience and feminist theory through the theme of women's empowerment. Students work in selected placements while reading through a sequenced bibliography. They discuss their experiences and readings in seminars and papers.
WGST 4998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)
WGST 4999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)