WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

WGS 150 Multicultural America
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Cross-cultural and interdisciplinary study of U.S. ethnic and racial identities and experiences, with special attention paid to women's and gender issues.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: Cultures and Communities Prog course; req'd service learning component.
General Education Requirements: CD, HU
Last Taught: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 192 First-Year Seminar:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).
General Education Requirements: HU
Last Taught: Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 193 First-Year Seminar:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).
General Education Requirements: SS
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 199 Independent Study
1-3 cr. Undergraduate.
Independent work supervised by Women's & Gender Studies faculty or staff member. Written proposal required prior to registration. For additional information, consult WGS prog asst dir.
Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA; writ cons instr, Women's & Gender Studies prog dir & asst dean for SAS.
Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 200 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Social Science Perspective
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Interdisciplinary class using gender as category of analysis, in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other categories of difference, to understand how power is structured and identities are socially constructed, from a social sciences perspective.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS 201 or L&S SS 200 is also taken.
General Education Requirements: SS
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 201 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Humanities Perspective
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Interdisciplinary class using gender as a category of analysis, in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other categories of difference, to understand how power is structured and identities are socially constructed, from a humanities perspective.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS 200 or L&S SS 200 is also taken.
General Education Requirements: HU
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021, Spring 2021.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 211 Foundations of Women's and Gender Studies Writing and Research
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Introductory exploration of the meaning and practice of feminist research, with an emphasis on critical reading, writing, and analytical skills.
Prerequisites: WGS(Wmns) 200(P) or 201(P).
Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Wgs (Wmns) 290 w/same topic.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 290 Selected Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected women's and gender studies issues and topics, limited to undergraduates.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: Specific topics and add'l prereqs announced in Schedule of Classes each time course is offered. May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 297 Study Abroad:
1-12 cr. Undergraduate.
Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.
Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.
Last Taught: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 299 Ad Hoc:
1-6 cr. Undergraduate.
Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires only dept & assoc dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one add'l sem.
Prerequisites: none; add'l prereqs may be assigned to specific topic.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.
Last Taught: Spring 2013.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/
WGS 300 Gender and Spirituality:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Ways in which gender informs religious and spiritual teachings and practices globally and historically; relationship between gender, religious beliefs and the constructions of social, cultural, and political realities.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing or consent of instructor.
**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic to 6 cr max.
**Last Taught:** Fall 2015, Spring 2012, Spring 2008.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 301 Queer Theory
3 cr. Undergraduate.
An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of queer theory and the study of sexuality as a social construction related to gender, race, class, citizenship, and other categories of difference.
**Prerequisites:** none.
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 302 Gendered Bodies:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Feminist interdisciplinary approach to the human body; its life changes as socially constructed and conditioned by cultural ideas and practices of gender and other differences.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing or consent of instructor.
**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic to 6 cr max.
**Last Taught:** Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Summer 2019.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 303 Feminist Activism and Movements:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Feminist activism and women’s social and political movements in a global and historical context.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing or consent of instructor.
**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic to 6 cr max.
**Last Taught:** Fall 2018, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Spring 2009.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 380 Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women’s and gender studies from a social science perspective.
**Prerequisites:** sophomore standing; HONORS 200(P); and consent of Honors College director.
**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.
**General Education Requirements:** SS
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2017.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 381 Honors Seminar in the Humanities:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women’s and gender studies from a humanities perspective.
**Prerequisites:** sophomore standing; HONORS 200(P); and consent of Honors College director.
**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 401 Global Feminisms
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Interdisciplinary feminist study of women’s rights movements and issues relating to gender and sexuality globally; study of international feminisms, women of color feminisms, and postcolonial feminisms in historical and contemporary contexts.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).
**Last Taught:** Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 402 Capstone Seminar in Women’s and Gender Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Capstone course for women’s and gender studies majors and certificate students, focusing on student research on various topics pertaining to women such as ‘Gender and Power.’
**Prerequisites:** sr st; 6 cr in women’s and gender studies, including WGS(Wmns) 200(P) or 201(P).
**Course Rules:** May not be retaken for cr.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 410 Feminist Theory
3 cr. Undergraduate.
An interdisciplinary survey of foundational feminist theories interrogating gender oppression in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other identities.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).
**Last Taught:** Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 411 Women’s and Gender Studies Research Methods:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Interdisciplinary course with focus on feminist methodologies, epistemologies, and research methods across the humanities and social sciences.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing, WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P), and WGS 410(P) or equivalent; or graduate standing.
**Course Rules:** May not be retaken for credit.
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2021.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 411G Women’s and Gender Studies Research Methods:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Interdisciplinary course with focus on feminist methodologies, epistemologies, and research methods across the humanities and social sciences.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing, WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P), and WGS 410(P) or equivalent; or graduate standing.
**Course Rules:** May not be retaken for credit.
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2021.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)

WGS 489 Internship in Women’s and Gender Studies
1-3 cr. Undergraduate.
Application of advanced principles of Women’s and Gender Studies in an appropriate organizational, educational, business, or political setting.
**Prerequisites:** junior standing; WGS 200(P), WGS 201(P), WGS 500(P), or WGS 501(P); 2.0 GPA and consent of Women’s and Gender Studies Department Chair.
**Course Rules:** One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.
**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020.
**Current Offerings:** [https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/](https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/)
WGS 497 Study Abroad:
1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course
work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-
prepared program course work.
Prerequisites: jr st; acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.
Last Taught: Fall 2019, Spring 2019.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 497G Study Abroad:
1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course
work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-
prepared program course work.
Prerequisites: jr st; acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.
Last Taught: Fall 2019, Spring 2019.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 499 Ad Hoc:
1-6 cr. Undergraduate.
Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period.
Requires only dept & assoc dean approval. In exceptional circumstances,
can be offered in one add'l sem.
Prerequisites: jr st; add'l prereqs may be assigned to specific topic.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 500 Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender
Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on
various topics and approaches in the social sciences.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender
studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr combined max
for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Spring 2022.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 500G Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender
Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on
various topics and approaches in the social sciences.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender
studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr combined max
for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Spring 2022.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 501 Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on
various topics and approaches in the humanities.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender
studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to combined max of 9
cr for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Fall 2021.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 501G Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender
Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on
various topics and approaches in the humanities.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender
studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to combined max of 9
cr for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Fall 2021.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 535 Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Study of selected feminist theorists with an emphasis on past or
contemporary thinkers. Attention will be paid to the philosophical
importance of the problems raised.
Prerequisites: jr st; a course in philos or women's and gender stds.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to a 6 cr max. Philos 535
& WGS(Wmns) 535 are jointly offered; with same topic, they count as
repeats of one another.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 535G Philosophical Topics in Feminist Theory:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Study of selected feminist theorists with an emphasis on past or
contemporary thinkers. Attention will be paid to the philosophical
importance of the problems raised.
Prerequisites: jr st; a course in philos or women's and gender stds.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to a 6 cr max. Philos 535
& WGS(Wmns) 535 are jointly offered; with same topic, they count as
repeats of one another.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 599 Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:
1-3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Specific topics, cr, and add'l prereqs announced in Schedule of Classes
each time course is offered.
Prerequisites: jr st.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.
Last Taught: Fall 2006, Fall 2005.
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/
WGS 599G Topics in Women's and Gender Studies: 1-3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate. Specific topics, cr, and add'l prereqs announced in Schedule of Classes each time course is offered.  
Prerequisites: jr st.  
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.  
Last Taught: Fall 2006, Fall 2005.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 699 Independent Reading 1-3 cr. Undergraduate. Advanced independent work under supervision of a Wmns Stds faculty or instructional academic staff member. Students must submit study proposal. For more information, consult Women's Studies Program Assistant Director.  
Prerequisites: jr st; 2.0 GPA; consent of instructor, Women's & Gender Studies Program Director, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.  
Course Rules: May be retaken for cr.  
Last Taught: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 700 Feminist Issues and Scholarship 3 cr. Graduate. Advanced introduction to feminist scholarship and research in multiple disciplines and introduction to the disciplinary history of Women's and Gender Studies.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Last Taught: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 701 Feminisms in Global Context 3 cr. Graduate. Interdisciplinary graduate-level course with focus on transnational feminisms, women of color feminisms, and postcolonial feminisms, exploring questions regarding gender, sexuality, and race in historical and contemporary contexts.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Last Taught: Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Fall 2017.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 710 Advanced Feminist Theory 3 cr. Graduate. Interdisciplinary graduate-level seminar examining feminist theories addressing concepts such as identity, difference, intersectionality, representation, and activism.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Last Taught: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 711 Feminist Epistemologies and Research Practices 3 cr. Graduate. Interdisciplinary graduate-level course with focus on feminist epistemologies, methodologies and research methods.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Course Rules: May not be retaken for credit.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 740 Advanced Queer Theory 3 cr. Graduate. Interdisciplinary graduate-level seminar on foundational texts and key issues in the dynamic field of queer theory.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of WGS 799 with similar topic.  
Last Taught: Spring 2021.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 799 Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies: 1-3 cr. Graduate. Advanced examination and analysis of selected Women's and Gender Studies issues and topics for graduate students.  
Prerequisites: grad st.  
Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.  
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 820 Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Practicum 3 cr. Graduate. Internship, field experience, or related practical experience that provides students the opportunity to apply feminist theories and research methods in a practical context.  
Prerequisites: grad st; WGS 710(P) & 711(P).  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 888 Candidate for Degree 0 cr. Graduate. Available for graduate students who must meet minimum credit load requirements.  
Prerequisites: graduate standing.  
Course Rules: Fee for 1 cr assessed; unit does not count towards credit load for Fin Aid. Repeatable. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 990 Research and Thesis 1-3 cr. Graduate. Reserved for research in connection with master's thesis.  
Prerequisites: grad st; cons instr.  
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/

WGS 999 Advanced Independent Work 1-6 cr. Graduate. Independent reading or project; topic selected in agreement with supervising professor.  
Prerequisites: grad st; cons Wmns dir.  
Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.  
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019.  
Current Offerings: https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/