Women's and Gender Studies is an academic discipline that critically evaluates gender from an interdisciplinary perspective and challenges many traditional assumptions and theories about women that have excluded them from positions of power. It examines the practice and expression of gender in different societies and at different historical moments; it explores the various origins and articulations of gender differentiation; it traces the influence of gender expectations on individuals and it studies the interactions of gender and other differences in social, political, and cultural contexts. The feminist pedagogy used in Women's and Gender Studies courses empowers all students to become active learners and social change agents through discussion, written work, collaborative projects, and practical involvement beyond the classroom.

Women's and Gender Studies prepares students for careers in non-profit organizations, business, the creative arts, education, government and public policy, journalism, law, medicine, publishing, science, the social sciences, social work, and many other fields.

Programs

- Women's and Gender Studies, BA (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-ba)
- Women's and Gender Studies, Graduate Certificate (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-graduate-certificate)
- Women's and Gender Studies, MA (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-MA)
- Women's and Gender Studies, MA/Library and Information Science, MLIS (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-MA-library-information-science-MLIS)
- Women's and Gender Studies, Minor (http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/womens-gender-studies/womens-gender-studies-minor)

Women's and Gender Studies Courses

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: HU, CD
Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 199 Independent Study
1-3 cr. Undergraduate.
Independent work supervised by Women's Studies faculty or staff member. Written proposal required prior to registration. For additional information, consult Wmns Stds Stdgs asst dir.
Prerequisites: 2.5 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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 200 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Social Science Perspective
3 cr. Undergraduate.
An interdisciplinary course with focus on social science approaches to the situation of women.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS(Wmns) 201 or L&S-Hum 201 is also taken.
General Education Requirements: SS
Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 201 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Humanities Perspective
3 cr. Undergraduate.
An interdisciplinary course with focus on humanities approaches to the situation of women.
Prerequisites: none.
Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS(Wmns) 200 or L&S SS 200 is also taken.
General Education Requirements: HU
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule
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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 300 Gender and Spirituality:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Ways in which gender informs spiritual teachings and practices globally and historically; relationship between spiritual beliefs and the constructions of social, cultural, and political realities.
Prerequisites: jr st.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 6 cr max.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 301 Queer Theory
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Queer theory and its contributions to the study of gender and sexuality.
Prerequisites: jr st.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: jr st.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 6 cr max.
Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2012.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: jr st.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 6 cr max.
Last Taught: Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Spring 2009.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 380 Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women's studies from a social science perspective.
Prerequisites: soph st; Honors 200(P); cons Honors College dir.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.
General Education Requirements: SS
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 381 Honors Seminar in the Humanities:
3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women's studies from a humanities perspective.
Prerequisites: soph st; Honors 200(P); cons Honors College dir.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 401 Global Feminisms
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Interdisciplinary study of women and gender in international perspective, including topics such as work, religion, ideology, and UN conferences.
Prerequisites: jr st & WGS(Wmns) 200(P) or 201(P); or grad st.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2013.
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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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 410 Feminist Theory
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Interdisciplinary survey of theories that shape and inform women's studies and feminist scholarship.
Prerequisites: jr st; WGS(Wmns) 200(P) or 201(P); or grad st.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule
WGS 411 Women's and Gender Studies Research Methods:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Interdisciplinary course with focus on women's and gender studies research methods, explored through selected topics such as 'Gendered Bodies'.
Prerequisites: jr st, WGS(Wmns) 200(P) or 201(P), & WGS(Wmns) 410(P) or equiv; or grad st.
Course Rules: May not be retaken for cr.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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: jr st; WGS(Wmns) 200(P), 201(P), 500(P), or 501(P); 2.50 gpa & cons Women's and Gender Studies Prog dir.
Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.
Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2016.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015.
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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: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 500 Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Theoretical foundations of feminist research and exploration of the tools, methodology and analytical skills employed in interdisciplinary women's and gender studies scholarship.
Prerequisites: jr st; 6 cr in women's and gender studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr combined max for WGS(Wmns) 500 & 501.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 501 Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:
3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Theoretical foundations of feminist research and exploration of the tools, methodology, and analytical skills employed in interdisciplinary women's and gender studies scholarship.
Prerequisites: jr st; 6 cr in women's and gender studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic to combined max of 9 cr for WGS(Wmns) 500 & 501.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Spring 2012.
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WGS 509 Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:
1-3 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, Fall 2014.
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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 Wmns Stds Prog asst dir.
Prerequisites: jr st; 2.5 GPA; writ cons instr, Womens & Gender Studies Prog dir & asst dean for SAS.
Course Rules: May be retaken for cr.
Last Taught: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.
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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 Studies.
Prerequisites: grad st.
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 701 Advanced Global Feminisms
3 cr. Graduate.
Interdisciplinary graduate-level course focusing on women, men, and gender relationships in international perspective, including the social and cultural conditions within which they live.
Prerequisites: grad st
Last Taught: Fall 2017.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule
WGS 710 Advanced Feminist Theory
3 cr. Graduate.
Interdisciplinary graduate-level seminar on introductory themes, issues, and conflicts in feminist theory.
Prerequisites: grad st
Last Taught: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 711 Advanced Women's and Gender Studies Research Methods
3 cr. Graduate.
Interdisciplinary graduate-level course with focus on Women's and Gender Studies research methods.
Prerequisites: grad st.
Course Rules: Not retakable.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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.
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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).
Last Taught: Spring 2018.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 888 Candidate for Degree
0 cr. Graduate.
Available for graduate students who must meet minimum credit load requirements.
Prerequisites: grad st.
Course Rules: Enroll for 1 cr; fee for 1 cr assessed. Student schedule will show 1N cr; this will be changed to 0 cr for grade report & permanent record.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

WGS 990 Research and Thesis
1-3 cr. Graduate.
Reserved for research in connection with master's thesis.
Prerequisites: grad st; cons instr.
Current Offerings: http://uwm.edu/schedule

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.
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