GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES PROGRAM

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The Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies program (GSWS) offers a unique and wide-ranging way of studying and engaging with the world. Concepts of study include sex, gender, and sexuality; identities such as female, male, gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, and queer; the intersections of these identities with race, class, (dis)ability and other kinds of differences among people; areas of academic study including women’s history, the history of sexuality, trans identities and politics, the sociology of the family, economic inequality, feminist and queer theory, feminist and queer literary studies, sex and politics, and biological approaches to sex and gender. GSWS is both an academic discipline and a meeting place for students and faculty in every discipline who want to explore these critically important issues. The Program is scholarly, and it is fully engaged with the world in which we live.

MAJORS
GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES MAJOR

Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies B.A.

MINORS
GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES MINORS

Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies
Sexuality and Gender Identity Studies

Courses

GSWS 001. D2: Gender Sexuality Wmn’s Stdy. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the field of gender, sexuality, and women’s studies. Topics include key theoretical approaches to conceptualizing gender, sexuality, and power; how gender and sexuality are policed; and the relationship between gender, sexuality, and other social categories.

GSWS 022. Sociology of Sexualities. 3 Credits.
Examination of the social construction of sexuality with emphasis on theories, concepts, and cultural ramifications of a range of sexual practices and identities. Cross-listed with: SOC 022.

GSWS 035. History of Costume. 3 Credits.
Overview of period costume and its adaptation for the stage. Cross-listed with: THE 041.

GSWS 041. D1: Afr American Women Writers. 3 Credits.
This course will explore the role of literature, autobiography, memoir, and hip-hop in the construction of identity for a selection of African American women writers.

GSWS 042. Women in Literature. 3 Credits.
Survey of women’s literary tradition in English. Focuses on the ways women have written, read, written about, and been represented in 19th and 20th century literature. Cross-listed with: ENGS 042.

GSWS 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 100. D2: Gender and Feminism(s). 3 Credits.
This course explores the politics and history of feminist movements and theories, as well as the ways in which gender has shaped public policies. The emphasis will be primarily, although not exclusively, on gender and feminism(s) in the United States. Prerequisite: GSWS 001.

GSWS 105. D2: LGBT Politics and History. 3 Credits.
Explores the history, strategies, conflicts, and issues surrounding the various movements advancing the claims of LGBT rights, as well as the roles LGBTQ people play as participants in American politics and culture. Prerequisite: POLS 021, GSWS 001, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: POLS 119.

GSWS 112. Studies in Gender & Religion. 3 Credits.
Selected topics focusing on the social and religious construction of gender and the shape of women’s religious lives. Religious traditions studied vary by semester. May be repeated up to six hours. Prerequisite: Three hours in Religion. Cross-listed with: REL 173.

GSWS 113. D2: Women & Religion in Africa. 3 Credits.
This course examines the relationships between women and religious institutions, practices, and communities in a variety of settings in sub-Saharan Africa. Prerequisite: Three hours in Religion. Cross-listed with: REL 173.

GSWS 120. Feminism/Theories and Issues. 3 Credits.
Theories of libertarianism, liberalism, and egalitarianism; application to the analysis and evaluation of social issues of contemporary interest, such as abortion and affirmative action. Prerequisite: One course in Philosophy. Cross-listed with: PHIL 170.
GSWS 130. History of Women in US. 3 Credits.
Survey of the origins and changes in images, status, and roles of
women in American society since the colonial period. Prerequisites:
HST 011 or HST 012, or three hours in Gender, Sexuality, and
Women’s Studies. Cross-listed with: HST 182.

GSWS 131. D2: Sex in Modern History. 3 Credits.
Explores the history of sexuality in Europe and North America
since 1700, focusing on medical and scientific theories as well as
sexual cultures and practices. Prerequisites: Three hours of History or
Gender, Sexuality & Women’s Studies. Cross-listed with: HST 160.

GSWS 141. D1: Afr Amer Women’s Writing. 3 Credits.
Examination of African American women’s fiction, not only for
its literary achievements, but also for the way it has addressed,
accommodated, and eluded implicit demands that it represent black
male and female lives in specific ways. Prerequisite: Three hours
in English courses numbered ENGS 005 - ENGS 096; Sophomore
standing.

GSWS 142. 19th Century Women’s Writing. 3 Credits.
Various genres by 19th-century women. Topics: The Petticoat
Empire; Women’s Regionalist Fiction; 19th-century British and
American Women’s Writing. May repeat for credit with different
titles. Prerequisite: Three hours in English or Gender, Sexuality, and
Women’s Studies. Cross-listed with: ENGS 158.

GSWS 145. Scandinavia: Gender & Equality. 3 Credits.
This course examines the history of women’s rights in the
Scandinavian countries, Scandinavian feminist literature, and
the cultural and political mindset of Scandinavia. Prerequisite:
GSWS 001.

GSWS 150. D2: Women and Gender in Society. 3 Credits.
Examination of the construction of gender in women’s lives with an
emphasis on the relationship between gender, race, sexuality and class
in contemporary society. Prerequisites: Three hours of Sociology or
GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: SOC 122.

GSWS 155. The Politics of Sex. 3 Credits.
The evolution of sexual politics within the United States. Includes
examinations of shifting debates over marriage, reproduction,
abortion, LGBT rights, sex education, and teen sexuality.
Prerequisites: POLS 021 or GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: POLS 120.

GSWS 165. D2: Gender, Sex, and Culture. 3 Credits.
Cross-cultural study of gender, sex, and sexuality, including exploring
the cultural construction of categories and cultural practices related to
gender, sex, and sexuality. Prerequisite: ANTH 021. Cross-listed with:
ANTH 172.

GSWS 170. Gender, Space & Environment. 3 Credits.
Examination of the ways in which human relationships to both
the built and the natural environment are mediated by gender.
Prerequisite: Six hours in Geography or Gender, Sexuality, and
Women’s Studies. Cross-listed with: GEOG 178.

GSWS 179. D2: Ecofeminism. 3 Credits.
Investigation of the parallel dominations of women and nature,
through analysis and reflection on ecofeminist theory, activism, and
spirituality. Prerequisites: ENVS 001, ENVS 002, or GSWS 001;
Sophomore standing. Cross-listed with: ENVS 179.

GSWS 185. Economics of Gender. 3 Credits.
Examines how gender differences produce different economic
outcomes for women and men in work, leisure, earnings, poverty.
Explores effectiveness of policies to overcome gender gaps,
Prerequisites: EC 011, EC 012. Cross-listed with: EC 156.

GSWS 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured
academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff
team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which
academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 191. Practicum. 3-6 Credits.
A required component of a curriculum that is an on-site supervised
work experience combined with a structured academic learning
plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which
a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic
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GSWS 193. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in
an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 197. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/labatory setting?
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research
projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.
GSWS 200. GSWS Senior Seminar. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary examination of women's position in culture and society. Special emphasis on the relationship between gender, race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. Prerequisites: GSWS 001, six additional hours in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, and admission to the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's major or minor program.

GSWS 250. Sociology of Reproduction. 3 Credits.
Examines reproduction of cultural values in relation to social conduct of reproduction of human life (childbearing) under advanced capitalism. Prerequisite: Six hours of Sociology to include one of SOC 029, SOC 122, or SOC 129. Cross-listed with: SOC 223.

GSWS 258. Gender and Law. 3 Credits.
Examination of the interaction between gender and law in American society. Topics covered include workplace law, family law, and personal autonomy. Prerequisites: POLS 021, three hours at the 100-level. Cross-listed with: POLS 235.

GSWS 260. Psychology of Gender. 3 Credits.
Examines psychological theories, methods, and research about gender. Explores social, situational, individual, and biological explanations of gender similarities and differences and their development. Prerequisite: One Psychology course at the 100-level or above. Cross-listed with: PSYS 255.

GSWS 280. D2: Queer Lives: LGBT History. 3 Credits.
Advanced readings and research on the history of LGBT peoples in Europe and North America with a focus on case studies, recent scholarship, and major theoretical works. Prerequisites: GSWS 001 and six additional hours in GSWS courses; or twelve hours in history. Cross-listed with: HST 280.

GSWS 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 293. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GSWS 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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GSWS 297. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting, under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisites: GSWS 001; permission of Director of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies.