

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. (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/gendersexualityandwomens/genderba/>)

MINORS

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES MINORS

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/gendersexualityandwomens/gendersexualitywomensstudiesminor/>)

Sexuality and Gender Identity Studies (<http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/gendersexualityandwomens/sexualitygenderidentityminor/>)

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 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.

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.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GSWS 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

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GSWS 097. 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.

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 114. Women in Christianity to 1500. 3 Credits.

Women's roles in early and medieval Christianity, including women's religious orders, religious identities, mystical writings, devotional practices, and their relationships to structures of ecclesiastical authority. Prerequisite: Three hours of Religion. Cross-listed with: REL 125.

GSWS 115. Language, Gender and Sexuality. 3 Credits.

Considers the field's emergence and evolution in relation to sociolinguistic and feminist theory. Examines how gendered identities are socially and linguistically constructed from a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. Maintains a focus throughout on queer linguistic scholarship - looking beyond binaries, disentangling gender, sex, and sexuality, interrogating relationship of language to systems of power/oppression. Prerequisites: LING 080 or LING 085 or ANTH 028 or GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: LING 175, ANTH 114.

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 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 140. Gender, Sexualities & Medicine. 3 Credits.

Examines medicine through a sociocultural lens, drawing on sociological, historical, anthropological, philosophical, feminist, queer, and critical race studies perspectives in order to explore the intersections of sex, gender, sexuality, and medicine. Prerequisites: GSWS 001; or three hours of Sociology; or Health and Society major or minor. Cross-listed with: SOC 140.

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, & 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 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 Race & the Body. 3 Credits.

Cross-cultural study of gender, sex, sexuality, and race including exploring the cultural construction of categories and cultural practices related to the body and gender, sex, sexuality, and race. Prerequisites: ANTH 021 or GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: ANTH 172.

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 180. Communicating Masculinities. 3 Credits.

An exploration of how our culture communicates about and defines masculinity, what the effects are for individuals and institutions, and the alternative possibilities for creating new masculinities. Pre/Co-requisites: GSWS 001. Cross-listed with: SPCH 180.

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.

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 faculty member or faculty-staff team with a faculty member as instructor of record, for which credit is awarded. Prerequisite: A contract must be obtained from and returned to the Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies Program office during registration; permission of Director of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies.

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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/laboratory 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.

Advanced discussion-based, interdisciplinary approaches to the study of GSWS topics. Representative topics: Feminist Media Studies; Feminist Theory in Historical Perspective; Gender, Sexuality and the Law. Prerequisites: GSWS 001, six additional hours in Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, and admission to the Gender, Sexuality, & Women's major or minor program.

GSWS 231. Transgender Studies. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the interdisciplinary field of transgender studies. Exploration of trans studies in the social sciences and gender and queer studies and examination of the contributions of the field to shifting understandings of sex, gender, identity, and the body. Prerequisites: GSWS 001 or SOC 001; and one of GSWS 100, GSWS 105, SOC 100 OR SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: SOC 231.

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: SOC 001; SOC 090 or SOC 100 or SOC 101; minimum Junior standing. 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 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: minimum Junior standing. Cross-listed with: HST 280.

GSWS 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

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, & Women's Studies.

GSWS 298. 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. Prerequisites: GSWS 001; approval of Director of Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies.