

Fall 2015 Gender + Women's Studies Courses

GWST 300: Methodologies in Gender, Women's, + Sexuality Studies

Tues + Thurs 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: Dr. Viviana MacManus

GEP: Writing Intensive

**Required for CSST minors,
GWST majors + certificates**

GWST 342: Gender in Modern South Asia

Mon + Wed 2:30pm-3:45pm

Instructor: Dr. Amy Bhatt
Transnational Studies Scholar

Meets GWST Req: RoE
GEP: C and AH

GWST 345: Unruly Bodies

Mon + Wed 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: Dr. Kate Drabinski
Queer Theorist

Elective for CSST minor

Meets GWST Req: RoE

GWST 480: Theories of Feminism

Once a week

Thursdays 4:30pm-7pm

Instructor: Dr. Carole McCann

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This seminar introduces students to the theory and practice of research in gender and women's studies. The course examines the distinguishing qualities of feminist methodologies in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. By reading and discussing examples of excellent and innovative gender and women's studies research, students will acquaint themselves with both the practical details and the ethical issues involved. The course gives particular attention to the interdisciplinary focus of feminist research as well as questions of what distinguishes gender and women's studies from other disciplines; how feminist research and community/political activism are related; how feminist research is changing the traditional disciplines and the methods used in research; and future direction of feminist methods.

Recommended Prep: GWST 100 or 310 and 200.

GWST 342: Gender in Modern South Asia

Mon + Wed 2:30-3:45pm, Dr. Amy Bhatt

This course examines how gender operates as an organizing force in social, political, and economic life in South Asian countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. We will start by discussing representations of South Asian women from the colonial to the post-colonial period, and then using case-studies, we will explore contemporary debates related to nationalism, family relationships, sexuality, labor and migration, development, globalization and social movements in South Asia. Students taking this course will gain an understanding of the complex histories of the region, the relationship between colonialism, nationalism, post-colonial politics, identity and contemporary gender issues.

Recommended Prep: GWST 100 or ASIA 100

GWST 345: Unruly Bodies

Mon + Wed 1-2:15pm, Dr. Kate Drabinski

Drawing on feminist, queer, social, and critical race theory, this course examines the status of the body in both historical and contemporary debates about identity, representation, and politics. We tend to take the body for granted as the ground of experience and knowledge, but this course challenges that common sense, asking how the body is produced, managed, and deployed in various ways to discipline and manage populations. We will also investigate the political possibilities of body work to resist and reshape these same disciplinary practices, paying particular attention to "queer" forms of embodiment.

GWST 480: Theories of Feminism

Th 4:30-7pm, Dr. Carole McCann

This course examines significant debates in feminist social and political theory. The class will read major foundational and contemporary works. It takes an intersectional approach, focusing particularly on social constructions of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, class, and sexuality. It draws on U.S. and transnational feminist sources to investigate causes and consequences of gender difference, hierarchies, and inequalities. Throughout the course, consideration is also given to the relationships between feminist theory and contemporary social justice movements. Recommended Preparation: GWST 100 and 200.

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