WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

WGS 110 - GENDER JUSTICE
Keywords and key concepts in feminist thought and gender studies. Examination of feminism(s), sexual politics of women’s rights, and cultural dynamics of gender at intersections of race, class, sexuality, ethnicity, nationality, and ability.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies

WGS 201 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES
Critical exploration of a specific topic in the field of Women's and Gender Studies.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210

WGS 211 - FEMINIST THEORY
Classic and contemporary texts of feminist theory from different historical, national, and thematic perspectives.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or instructor consent.

WGS 212 - FEMINISM IN ACTION
Strategies, histories, and theories of feminist activism. Comparative analysis of a variety of activist models at intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, culture, nationality, and ability.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or instructor consent.

WGS 214 - GLOBAL VOICES
Comparative study (focus varies depending on instructor) of gender and sexuality in a global context; multiple locations and communities; strategies of social change and transformation; transnational dialogues and coalitions.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Non-western Culture, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or instructor consent.

WGS 216 - POPULAR CULTURE AND POWER
Paradoxes of popular culture in shaping relations of power and modes of resistance. Mass and social media roles in action and inaction, production and reception, doing and undoing of individual and collective realities with respect to gender and sexuality in particular.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210

WGS 218 - ACTION: INTERSECTION & COALITION
Strategies, histories, and theories of coalition building, activist intersections, and collaborative advocacy for political action and social transformation. From the local to the transnational, analysis of a variety of models and practices at intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, culture, nationality, and/or ability.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Justice Studies, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Or Instructor Consent

WGS 220 - POLITICS OF SEX
Critical, multi-disciplinary examination of sexual identities, histories, and controversies, with focus on their political and cultural meaning.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or Instructor Consent.

WGS 222 - SEX AND GENDER IN THE CITY
Multi-disciplinary study of sex and gender in urban contexts, including urban geographies, histories, communities, cultures and subcultures, labor, housing, and politics.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110
Course Notes: or Instructor consent

WGS 302 - FEMINIST MODES OF INQUIRY
Interdisciplinary and intersectional investigation of trends and topics in WGS with attention to historical, cultural, and theoretical developments. Questions and tasks central to feminist inquiry and research methodologies.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or instructor consent.

WGS 303 - TOPICS IN GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS
Comparative and transnational feminisms. Gender and sexuality within and across specific national, cultural, and historical locations.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 304 - TOPICS IN IDENTITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND POWER
Inquiry into the production of knowledge, the political impacts of its deployment, and the role of knowledge and power networks in the construction of social identities. Topics include agency and selfhood; truth and authority; theories of ethics; and identity formation at intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 305 - TOPICS IN CULTURE AND REPRESENTATION
Various forms of representation (art, artifacts, discourse, media, performance, style, texts) with emphasis on historical and intersectional feminist approaches to gender and sexuality. Focus on practices of production and consumption, formation of identities, circulation of ideologies, and networks of power.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.
WGS 306 - TOPICS IN ACTION, ADVOCACY, AND RESISTANCE
Historical and/or contemporary models of feminist critique and action with attention to intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, culture, nationality, and ability. Focus on debates and differences in theorizing social and political transformation, challenging institutions and practices, and supporting individual and collective agency.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 307 - TOPICS IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES
Historicized analysis of feminist movements, gender practices, and sexual identities. Emphasis on historical readings and research. Examination of application of feminist historiographical methods and theoretical models.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or instructor consent.

WGS 308 - TOPICS IN FEMINIST THEORIES
In-depth, critical investigation of specific theory or theories in feminist, gender, and/or sexuality studies.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 311 - FEMINISM AND WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
Critical analysis of classic theorists in Western philosophy and their feminist engagements that have shaped foundations of feminist inquiry and contemporary philosophical, feminist, and public discourse on topics including reason, credibility, and belief; autonomy and embodiment; sexuality and identity; and gender, power, and the state.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 312 - FEMINISM AND WESTERN PHILOSOPHY
Advanced literature seminars that concentrate on the properties of genre and the ways in which genre conditions reading. Recent topics have included "Historical Fiction," "Nineteenth Century American Poetry," "Autobiography and Memoir," "Staging Witchcraft Plays." For more details, please click the highlighted CRN number for this course on the specific term schedule.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: ENG 220

WGS 314 - FASHION: THE POLITICS OF STYLE
Multi-disciplinary study of fashion as crucial domain for the creation of identity, exertion of power, and circulation of social meaning. Topics include theories of style and selfhood; anti-fashion; consumerism; taste and class; fashion as a means of protest; subcultural and mainstream style; sexuality and modesty; and more.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Or Instructor Consent

WGS 315 - WHAT IS A FAMILY?
Examination of classic and critical thinking about the family—its meaning, its political relevance, and its social value, with special attention to issues of gender, sexuality, and power. Topics include kinship and loyalty; the family in relation to the state; the family as an economic institution; the family as a site of psychological conflict; and the family as a keeper of memory.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Or instructor consent

WGS 316 - CRITICAL SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL THEORIES
Multi-disciplinary study of the psychological and social contexts of sexuality, gender, and identity. Topics include theories of style and selfhood; anti-fashion; consumerism; taste and class; fashion as a means of protest; subcultural and mainstream style; sexuality and modesty; and more.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Or instructor consent

WGS 318 - GENDER AND SOCIETY
Examination of classic and critical thinking about the family—its meaning, its political relevance, and its social value, with special attention to issues of gender, sexuality, and power. Topics include kinship and loyalty; the family in relation to the state; the family as an economic institution; the family as a site of psychological conflict; and the family as a keeper of memory.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Or instructor consent

WGS 319 - STRATEGIC RESISTANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY
Analysis of the philosophical field of ethics, with emphasis on feminist concerns and global contexts, using classical, contemporary, feminist, and transnational ethical theory. Topics include kinship and reproduction; cultural difference; ethics of care; sexual controversies; the ethics of nations; gender and human rights; crime and punishment; and more.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 320 - GLOBAL FEMINIST ETHICS
Analysis of the philosophical field of ethics, with emphasis on feminist concerns and global contexts, using classical, contemporary, feminist, and transnational ethical theory. Topics include kinship and reproduction; cultural difference; ethics of care; sexual controversies; the ethics of nations; gender and human rights; crime and punishment; and more.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 321 - CRITICAL SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL THEORIES
Multi-disciplinary study of the psychological and social contexts of sexuality, gender, and identity. Topics include theories of style and selfhood; anti-fashion; consumerism; taste and class; fashion as a means of protest; subcultural and mainstream style; sexuality and modesty; and more.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: or consent of instructor.

WGS 322 - INTERNSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY
Students apply and develop WGS knowledge and skills through community work. Students receive supervision at internship sites and produce appropriate analytical work in consultation with RU faculty member.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Transformational Service Learning, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Instructor and Director Consent.

WGS 395 - READINGS AND RESEARCH IN WGS
Intensive independent study and original research in a topic to be developed in consultation with appropriate faculty member. Student works closely with faculty member throughout all stages of the reading and research process. Final project may be based on traditional research or activist work.
Credits: 1-4
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: ENG 220

WGS 399 - INTERNSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY
Students apply and develop WGS knowledge and skills through community work. Students receive supervision at internship sites and produce appropriate analytical work in consultation with RU faculty member.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Humanities, Social Science, Transformational Service Learning, Women Gender Studies
Prerequisites: WGS 110 or WGS 210
Course Notes: Instructor and Director Consent required.