

# WOMEN'S STUDIES-WS (WS)

## Courses

### WS 200 Introduction to Women's Studies Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Examination of gender roles in work, education, spirituality, relationships, health, institutions and organizations.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**Additional Information:** Social & Behavioral Sciences 3C.

### WS 258 Race, Sex, Climate Change Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Also Offered As:** ETST 258.

**Course Description:** Climate change necessitates a critical perspective on forms of social configuration and worldly lives. Students will study the intense and intimate entanglements of race and sex with climate change. Race and sex are embroiled within Climate Change in explicit forms of access to resources and health, but also in terms of racial capitalism, human/non-human matterings, and the (im)possibilities of queer forms of life and death.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both ETST 258 and WS 258.

**Term Offered:** Fall (odd years).

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 267 Genderqueer and Transgender Studies Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Also Offered As:** ETST 267.

**Course Description:** Historical and contemporary analysis of trans\* gender formations including transgender and genderqueer as articulated within Transgender Studies scholarly interventions, activism, and cultural expression.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both ETST 267 and WS 267.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 268 Whiteness, Gender, and Sexuality Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Examines categories and ideas of whiteness and white supremacy in the United States to understand the connections between whiteness, sexism, and heterosexism. Explore the history of whiteness and racialized definitions of gender and sexuality.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both WS 268 and WS 280A1.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 269 Women of Color in the United States Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Surveying the contemporary experiences of women of various racialized ethnicities in the United States.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 270 Feminist Theory Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Contemporary feminist theories from multiple perspectives, including topics such as gender, race, sexuality, and oppression.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 322A Study Abroad--Ghana: Youth Development, Transnational Perspectives Credits: 3 (0-0-3)

**Also Offered As:** ETST 322A.

**Course Description:** Exploration of connections and disconnections of youth globally, and how gender and culture intersect in a transnational context. Travel to Ghana and engage in service projects, listen to lectures, and participate in events that explore transnational solidarity working with youth in various regional locations.

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Credit not allowed for both ETST 322A and WS 322A.

**Term Offered:** Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 323A Study Abroad--Spain: LGBTQ Advocacy and Policy Credits: 3 (0-0-3)

**Course Description:** Examine advocacy and policies affecting the LGBTQ communities in Spain. Explore how one country's journey toward equality can inform other countries, by engaging in intentional activities, lectures, and events. Examine how social identities weave into the complexities of policy (e.g. race, socioeconomic status, etc.).

**Prerequisite:** None.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing.

**Term Offered:** Summer.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 340 Race and Sexuality Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Explores racialized sexualities as political categories, public representations, and intersectional sites of personal relationships and social meaning.

**Prerequisite:** WS 200.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

**Term Offered:** Fall.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

### WS 350 Feminist Solidarity and Action Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

**Course Description:** Examines the theoretical and practical application of feminist models of solidarity and activism.

**Prerequisite:** ETST 100 or WS 200 or WS 268 or WS 269 or WS 270.

**Restriction:** Must not be a: Freshman.

**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Grade Mode:** Traditional.

**Special Course Fee:** No.

**WS 362 Indigenous Consciousness and Gender Credits: 3 (3-0-0)****Also Offered As:** ETST 362.**Course Description:** Investigate Indigenous consciousness as a theoretical and methodological foundation to Indigenous studies scholarship and decolonial race and gender work. Indigenous thought is located from and within Indigenous scholars, cultures and lived lives. Indigenous gender is understood in egalitarian foundations and practices from Indigenous perspectives, voices and practices that locate gender in traditional, valued, and contemporary knowledges and engagements.**Prerequisite:** ETST 100 to 299 - at least 3 credits or WS 200.**Restriction:** Must not be a: Freshman.**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Credit allowed for only one of the following: ETST 362, WS 362, or WS 480A1.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 375 Intersectionality--Theory, Method, Practice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)****Course Description:** A conceptual and experiential examination of intersectional frameworks, theories and methods towards developing a critical intersectional literacy for everyday life.**Prerequisite:** WS 200.**Restriction:** Must not be a: Freshman.**Registration Information:** Sophomore standing. Sections may be offered: Online.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 397 Group Study Credits: 3 (0-0-3)****Course Description:****Prerequisite:** None.**Term Offered:** Fall.**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 417 Queer Theory Credits: 3 (3-0-0)****Also Offered As:** ETST 417.**Course Description:** Queer Theory seeks to critically interrogate normative frames of sex, gender, and sexuality to destabilize categories of social organization. Study framings of sexuality alongside the doings and undos of gender, race, nation, and disability, and interrogate its power politics.**Prerequisite:** ETST 201.**Registration Information:** Credit not allowed for both ETST 417 and WS 417.**Term Offered:** Fall.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 472 Seminar in Multiracial & Decolonial Feminisms Credits: 3 (0-0-3)****Course Description:** Through an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, this course explores multiracial and decolonial feminist social theory and scholarly practices.**Prerequisite:** ETST 405 and WS 200.**Registration Information:** Junior standing. Enrolled in Women's and Gender Studies major or Women's Interdisciplinary Studies minor.**Term Offered:** Spring.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 484 Supervised College Teaching Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)****Course Description:** Assist the instructor in women's and gender studies courses.**Prerequisite:** None.**Registration Information:** Enrolled in Ethnic Studies major, Women's Studies concentration or Women's Studies minor; junior standing; written consent of instructor. A maximum of 10 combined credits for all 384 and 484 courses are counted towards graduation requirements.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.**Grade Mode:** S/U Sat/Unsat Only.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 487 Internship Credits: Var[1-12] (0-0-0)****Course Description:** Internship placement in women's/gender organization, institution, or program.**Prerequisite:** None.**Registration Information:** Enrolled in Ethnic Studies major, Women's Studies concentration or Women's Studies minor; junior standing.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 495 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)****Course Description:****Prerequisite:** None.**Registration Information:** Approval of Women's Studies Director and relevant department chair (s).**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 510 Women and Sustainability Credits: 3 (3-0-0)****Course Description:** Examination of sustainability issues with a focus on development policies and impacts on communities from an international feminist perspective.**Prerequisite:** None.**Registration Information:** Senior or graduate standing.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 601 Foundations of Feminist Research Credits: 3 (3-0-0)****Course Description:** Feminist perspectives on epistemology and methodologies for conducting and interpreting research.**Prerequisite:** None.**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 684 Supervised College Teaching Credits: Var[1-6] (0-0-0)****Course Description:** Professional development for graduate students in critical feminist pedagogy through supervised teaching.**Prerequisite:** None.**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.**Special Course Fee:** No.

**WS 692 Seminar in Women's Studies Credits: 3 (0-0-3)****Course Description:****Prerequisite:** None.**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.**Registration Information:** Must have completed one semester of enrollment in Women's Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program.**Term Offered:** Spring.**Grade Mode:** Traditional.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 695 Independent Study Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)****Course Description:****Prerequisite:** None.**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.**Registration Information:** Approval of Women's Studies Director and relevant department chair (s).**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring.**Grade Mode:** Instructor Option.**Special Course Fee:** No.**WS 699 Thesis Credits: Var[3-6] (0-0-0)****Course Description:****Prerequisite:** None.**Restriction:** Must be a: Graduate, Professional.**Registration Information:** Approval of Women's Studies Program Board.**Terms Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.**Grade Mode:** S/U Sat/Unsat Only.**Special Course Fee:** No.