

GENDER STUDIES (GST)

GST 150 Introduction to Gender Studies 3.00

Introduction to Gender Studies explores various answers to the question: How does gender influence the way in which we interact with and are impacted by society? To that end, this course introduces students to feminist perspectives and challenges students to incorporate self-exploration with academic skill to analyze one's personal experience, and the experience of others, within social institutions such as family, government, employment, religion, and education through the lens of gender. We will examine how issues of gender within our society intersect with race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, differing abilities, and age to perpetuate a system of oppression.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity
- Social Science

GST 189 Gender Studies Elective 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

GST 210 Sociology of Gender 3.00

Introduces the social construction of sex and gender. It focuses on both local and international materials, with particular attention to gender inequality in contemporary societies. Intersections with class, race, nation and other social categories are also explored. Cross listed with SOCI/GST 210.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity
- Social Science

GST 229 Literature by Women 3.00

Survey of women's literature from the Medieval period through the twenty-first century. Includes a diverse range of American, British, and Global women writers and texts in multiple genres (prose, poetry, non-fiction, drama). Credits may not be earned in both ENGL 229 and GST 229

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity
- Humanities - Literature

GST 258 Gender, Psychology and Society 3.00

Discussion and study of development of gender roles across the lifespan. Topics include the social construction of sex and gender differences, status and power, feminist psychology, childhood and adolescence, relationships, family, work and achievement, and diversity. Meets the Diverse Perspectives requirement for Psychology major. Meets a requirement for the Gender Studies minor. Qualifies as an Academic Service-Learning course, involving a 15-hour community placement commitment (see Academic Service-Learning for more details). Cross-listed as PSYC/GST 258.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 270 Psychology of Men and Masculinity 3.00

This course is devoted to exploring the cultural messages men receive about masculinity, and the implications of these messages for men's behavior and mental health, as well as their relative position in society. Topics include: ideology about what makes someone a man', the privileges and perils of manhood status, intersectional identities that shape definitions of masculinity and masculine privilege, emotions and intimacy, work primacy, chivalry, health issues, sexuality, violence, and assumptions regarding men's role in the family unit. Additionally, gender essentialist ideas about 'male nature' are examined and challenged. This is a course for people of all genders about issues related to the social construction of masculinity in our culture. Cross-listed as PSYC/GST 270. Meets the Diverse Perspectives requirement for Psychology major.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 289 Gender Studies Elective 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

GST 289DV Gender Studies Elective Diversity 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

GST 289GA Gender Studies Elective Global Awareness 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

University Studies Requirements:

- Global Awareness

GST 289SS Gender Studies Elective Social Sciences 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

GST 301 Study Abroad 6.00

Field trips designed by the department faculty to give students direct experiences in foreign countries. Each program includes preparatory reading, orientation meetings, a faculty-supervised study tour, and a detailed written evaluation of learning situations associated with the course. With consent of the relevant program and content adaptation, programs provided by other agencies can be considered for this credit. Students must obtain approval for taking these courses prior to participation. Otherwise the course may not count. For specific degree requirements, consult your advisor. The course can be repeated only if the content is different.

GST 310 Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective 3.00

Examines the cultural construction of gender from an anthropological, cross-cultural perspective. Attention is paid to sociocultural factors such as kinship, colonialism, industrialism, and economic development which influence gender definitions, roles, and the structure of gender relations. Cross-listed as ANTH/GST 310.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity
- Global Awareness

GST 312 Gender, Crime, and Justice 3.00

Exploration of the social construction of gender in crime and delinquency as well as in justice systems; analysis of how assumptions about gender impact the interpretation and application of law; comparison of offenders, victims and practitioners using the lens of intersectionality. Cross-listed as CJUS/GST 312.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 317 Gender and Sexuality in Nazi Germany 3.00

In this upper-division examination of the nature of Nazi society and Fascism more generally, the central focus will be on gender—the images of and attitudes towards masculinity and femininity, and alternative sexualities, in the Third Reich. Changes in the role afforded to men and women, and in beliefs about what it means to be male and female, were at the very center of the revolutionary changes that constituted the shift to the "Modern Era." In seeking to understand Fascist attitudes toward gender, therefore, the course is seeking to understand not some peripheral aspect of Nazi society, but its very core, the very essence of modern democracy and its nemesis, Fascism. Much attention will be focused on developing skill in understanding and interpreting films and other visual artifacts and how they reveal ideals and assumptions about gender. Cross-listed as HIST/GST 317. Code 1. G.

GST 322 The Construction of Gender in the United States 3.00

An examination of gender and sexual identities and roles in the United States from colonial times through the present. Explores the evolution of these roles and identities and the social, economic, and political forces that shape them. Cross-listed as HIST/GST 322. G.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 345 Gender and Sexuality in Literature 3.00

Study of gender and sexuality in literature. Time period, genres, and author selections vary by instructor. This course is cross listed with ENGL 345.

Prerequisites:

Completion of 3 credits of English Literature or consent of the instructor.

GST 360 The Study of First Nations Women 3.00

Exploration of the First Nations woman's social roles and lifestyles from a variety of tribal cultures in North America. Focuses on traditional and contemporary values and roles of First Nations women. Cross-listed as FNS/GST 360.

GST 374 Women and Politics 3.00

In the United States, women hold 18% of the seats in the 112th Congress, marking the nation 85th in its level of representation for women. Globally, women constitute 15% of all members of parliament, although significant regional variation persists. How do gendered hierarchies continue to shape and structure political systems? Why have women not yet reached parity in elected office? Should women be represented as women? What difference do women bring to elective office? These and other questions are explored throughout the course, with particular attention to the historical exclusion of women from the public arena, the methods used by women to enter electoral and activist politics, and the current political status of women in the United States and globally. Cross-listed as POLS/GST 374.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 389 Gender Studies Elective 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-Superior course.

GST 393 Women, Colonialism, and Nationalism in Modern Southeast Asia 3.00

This upper-division seminar examines the role women played in Southeast Asian history from the 19th century till the present, specifically as the region confronted the challenges of colonialism and post-colonial nation-building. Among key issues covered are (1) the encounter between Western guns and local political systems; (2) race and racism (or, why the other group is always a barbarian); (3) how Southeast Asia became "modern"; (4) decolonization and/or revolution; (4) political, economic and religious challenges in post-colonial nationalism; (5) the intimate and everyday lives of Southeast Asians; and so on. We will work through these themes through the lens of the role of women and women's groups, examining Western tourists, governesses and wives; sex, prostitution and the control of VD; colonial-era marriage with "white guys" and the biracial children; Islam and women; and post-colonial women political leaders. We will examine these issues within the framework of the political, social, economic and cultural interactions between Britain, France, Holland, the United States of America, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, and Myanmar/Burma. In addition to reading a selection of secondary and primary materials, including poems, biographies, memoirs, and histories, students will also watch music videos and films to understand and analyze the issues. Cross-listed as HIST/GST 393. Code 3. G.

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

GST 439 Victorian Age 3.00

Study of the literature of the Victorian period in British literature (1830s to late 1800s). Pre-requisites of 3 credits of ENGL courses. Cannot receive credit for both ENGL 439 and GST 439

GST 456 Feminist Theory and Action 3.00

Seminar course providing a deeper look at feminist thought, building on the introduction provided in GST 150. Through readings and films, examines conversations, controversies, and connections among a range of feminist thinkers. Students explore the intersections of feminist thought and action, reading a variety of calls to action and articulating their own. Cross-listed as POLS/GST 456.

GST 489 Gender Studies Elective 1.00-12.00

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GST 489SS Gender Studies Elective Social Sciences 1.00-12.00

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GST 490 Special Topics in Women's Studies 1.00-4.00

In-depth study of specialized current topics in Women's Studies selected by the instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when instructor and/or topics are different.

GST 499 Independent Study 1.00-3.00

Supervised independent study and/or research in Women's Studies. May be supervised by any current member of the Women's Studies faculty.

Prerequisites:

Prerequisite for taking this course is Women's Study minor, and completion of at least 3 credits in GST and instructor consent.