

GWST 3070: Gender and Social Justice

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

This course offers an interdisciplinary approach to the social and historical constitution of gender in a social justice framework. Students will explore a wide variety of critical and literary materials to analyze interlocking systems of hierarchy and domination; to evaluate gendered experience across local, regional, national, and global contexts; and to identify critical responses to systemic forms of oppression in the contemporary world.

GWST 3080: Masculinity Studies

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

Masculinities Studies is an interdisciplinary introduction to this growing and often contested field. Using a variety of texts, students explore historical, political, and theoretical development, as well as social and cultural constructions, of the category "masculinity." Students map central debates surrounding masculinity, including why it is frequently thought to be "in crisis." The course examines political and social movements related to masculinity as it considers masculinity in relation to other theories, including feminist, postcolonial, etc.

GWST 3090: Transnational Feminisms

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGL 1102

Transnational Feminisms is an interdisciplinary study of the economic, social, and political consequences of the phenomenon known as globalization, particularly those consequences that affect issues of gender. As such, students analyze transnational feminisms, studying both the opportunities and challenges that are inherent in transnational feminist scholarship and activism. Through critical inquiry into a variety of texts, the course dynamically reconceptualizes relationships between women and nation; between gender and globalization; and between feminist theory and practice.