

WS 143. Feminist Theory

Review of major feminist theories of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, analysis of assumptions underlying each, evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of each, and examination of relationship of various theories to various women's life experiences.

Units: 3

Course Typically Offered: Fall

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WS 148. Women and Religion

Seminar to explore many facets of women's religious experience, including history of women in institutional churches, theologies of liberation and oppression, women's religious experience, and feminist spirituality.

Units: 3

WS 160. Feminist Issues in Counseling

Prerequisite: WS 10 or permission of instructor. Evaluates counseling theories; individual and group counseling techniques; examines ethical issues and power structure in therapeutic settings; surveys community resources; and explores innovative and feminist perspectives concerning the effective treatment of women.

Units: 3

WS 150T. Topics in Women's Studies

Topics of current interest in the women's movement, covering a wide variety of issues. (See Schedule of Courses for specific topics.)

Units: 1-4

WS 162. Community Service in Women's Studies

Prerequisite: 9 hours of WS courses and permission of instructor and agency. Individual experience relating classroom studies to experience in a women's community service agency. CR/NC grading only. (Minimum of 3 field hours per unit.)

Units: 1-3

WS 150T. Gender Law & Social Policy

This course introduces students to feminist and queer analyses of law and social policy. It examines the gendered nature of legal reasoning law, as well as the ways ideologies of sexuality and class are embedded within social policy and law. Furthermore, the course will explore the impact of law and policy on women's lives and their work, familial, and other relationships in the public and private spheres. While firmly grounded in feminist legal theory, the course draws on research and methodologies used in sociology, economics, anthropology, and history.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 12 units

WS 163. Consciousness Raising: Group Leader

Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Students learn skills in facilitating group discussion of women's issues through training and practicum. CR/NC grading only.

Units: 1, Repeatable up to 2 units

WS 168T. Women and Literature

(WS 168T same as ENGL 168T.) Prerequisite: ENGL 20. Discussion and written analysis of literature by and about women. Special emphasis on 19th and 20th Century authors including the Brontes, George Eliot, Emily Dickinson, Edith Wharton, Virginia Woolf, and contemporary writers.

Units: 4, Repeatable up to 8 units

Course Typically Offered: Spring

WS 170. Women: Culture and Biology

(ANTH 118 same as WS 170.) A cross-cultural and interdisciplinary analysis of the determinants of female statuses and circumstances. Examines theories, including biological and cultural determinism, which explain variations in the expression of sexuality, maturation, reproduction, and the life cycle. (Formerly ANTH 170)

Units: 3

WS 150T. Politics of Latina Health and Size

Introduction to the politics of Latina health and size, focusing on reproduction, fitness and fatness, and illness through the study of first person narratives, popular media, and health campaigns.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 12 units

WS 175. Seminar in Women's Studies

Primarily for women's studies majors and minors. Prerequisite: 15 units in women's studies or permission of instructor. A synthesis of objective and subjective experience in women's studies. Culminating experience required.

Units: 3

WS 153. Feminist Research Methods

Pre-requisites: Either WS 10, WS 103, WS 110, WS 120, WS 135 or WS 143. Introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methods. Hands-on practice of designing and conducting a research project and writing a grant.