



Fall 2024 Course Offerings

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Interdisciplinary Major and Minor

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) provides an opportunity for research and dialogue on a broad range to feminist contributions as well as to the fundamental fields of human knowledge and achievement and interdisciplinary studies of the feminisms, masculinity, sex, gender and sexuality. A student intending to major or minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies should consult the chair of the department, preferably during their first or early in their second year.

The WGS minor must include WGS 221 or WGS 222, and a minimum of 15 additional hours, for a total of 18 hours. Students may count no more than 6 hours from their major(s) toward the minor. **The WGS major** must include (a) WGS 221 or WGS 222, (b) WGS 398; (c) WGS 399, (d) a 3-hour WGS approved public engagement course (such as WGS 397A), and a minimum of 15 additional hours, for a total of 27 hours. No more than 9 hours from one department other than WGS or program, no more than 6 hours from the 100 level may count toward the major, and no more than 6 hours from a minor may count toward the major. A student cannot use the same course to meet requirements in two majors. If courses not designated WGS are taken, they must be from an approved list on file with the WGS office.

WGS 101
Tivia Collins

Window on Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1.5hr)
Wednesday, 2:00-3:15 PM

An opportunity to experience and reflect analytically in writing on the diverse cultural and intellectual life of Wake Forest, with an emphasis on women's, gender, and sexuality studies events and topics.

WGS 150 A (Division I Requirement)
Khaliah Reed

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality Studies:
American Perspectives (3hr)
Wednesday/Friday, 9:30-10:45 AM

Students will explore the many dimensions of gender and sexuality within the American context, including how race, gender, and sexuality intersect, how these concepts are depicted in the media, and how social institutions shape sexual and gender norms. Additionally, we will consider how these factors contribute to our perceptions of the gendered and sexed body within the United States. We will analyze gender and sexuality and their impact on our understanding of individuality, culture, and national identity, taking into

account topics like birth, death, marriage, family, desire, beauty, and politics both historically and in modern contexts.

WGS 150 B (Division I Requirement)
Tivia Collins

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality Studies:
Feminist Politics in the Global South (3hr)
Monday/Wednesday, 12:30-1:45 PM

This course introduces students to postcolonial and transnational feminist theorizing in the Global South. Discussions will focus on various political actions, creative works and activist approaches from those living in places such as the Caribbean, Latin America, South Asia and its diasporas. As we examine academic readings, music, art and protest actions, join an exploration of how feminists in the Global South resist exploitation, challenge hierarchies of power and strive to create better worlds.

WGS 150 (Division I Requirement)
Wenqi Yang

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality Studies:
Living A Gendered and Racialized Life (3hr)

Three Sections Available:
WGS 150 C: Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30-1:45 PM
WGS 150 D: Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30-4:45 PM
WGS 150 E: Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

This course offers an interdisciplinary study of questions raised by women's, gender, and sexuality studies on topics such as historical feminism, cultural politics, men's studies, and transnational and feminist economics. Other than the assumption that gender inequity is unjust, this course assumes no single political perspective. It strives to train students in analytical thinking and presses them to think critically about gender and sexuality in the past, present, and future, through an intersectional approach.

WGS 150F Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality: Feminist Techniques of Care & Resistance (3hr)
Julia Jordan-Zachery
Monday/Wednesday, 2:00-3:15 PM
Division I Requirement

This course offers an introduction to feminist/womanist/indigenous feminist thought on care and resistance. Students will read and engage the ideas of radical self-care, communal care, and the relationship to resistance against multiple forms of oppression. We will explore political writings, literature, and the arts in general and social media to critically understand how to identity informs techniques of care and resistance.

WGS 150 G (Division I Requirement)
Khaliah Reed

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality Studies:
American Perspectives (3hr)
Wednesday/Friday, 11:00-12:15 PM

Students will explore the many dimensions of gender and sexuality within the American context, including how race, gender, and sexuality intersect, how these concepts are depicted in the media, and how social institutions shape sexual and gender norms. Additionally, we will consider how these factors contribute to our perceptions of the gendered and sexed body within the United States. We will analyze gender and sexuality and their impact on our understanding of individuality, culture, and national identity, taking into account topics like birth, death, marriage, family, desire, beauty, and politics both historically and in modern contexts.

WGS 214
Mir Yarfitz

Gender and Sexuality in World History (3hr)
Tuesday/Thursday 11:00-12:15 PM

Introduces the global and historical breadth of gender and sexual systems. Foundational and current approaches to cross-cultural historical analysis of masculinity, women's rights, and differences between LGBTQ identities and other models. Also listed as HST 114. (D)

WGS 222

Kristina Gupta

Introduction to Sexuality Studies (3hr)

Tuesday/Thursday 11:00-12:15 PM

WGS Major/Minor Requirement and Cultural Diversity Requirement

What does it mean to study sex and sexuality? What "natural" and "obvious" ideas about sex turn out to be unnatural and complicated? How does sexuality shape--and how is it shaped by-- the social, religious, political, and economic practices of different societies? This course offers a foundation for future coursework in gender and sexuality studies, and provides a useful and diverse primer for students whose major curricula lead them elsewhere.

WGS 309

David Phillips

Environmentalism, the Humanities, and Gender (3hr)

Tuesday/Thursday, 11:00 - 12:15 PM

Survey of the global spread of Environmentalism, with an emphasis on its evolution as a disciplinary field that includes eco-feminism and feminist perspectives on the environment. Topics include the investigation of women's roles in environmental history and the construction of global environmental narratives. Also listed as HMN 292.

WGS 329

Timothy Gitzen

Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality(3hr)

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-10:45 AM

Examines cultural constructions of gender from a cross-cultural perspective and the relationship between feminism and anthropology through time. Emphasizes how varied forms of feminisms are constituted within diverse social, cultural, and economic systems. Students consider how feminist anthropologists have negotiated positions at the intersection of cultural and human rights.

WGS 330/630

Kristina Gupta

Gender and the Politics of Health (3h)

Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM

Examines the intersections of gender, medicine, health, and illness, with a focus on the U.S. context. Topics include: reproduction, mental illness, breast cancer, heart disease, and HIV/AIDS, among others. We explore the following questions: How have women and men interacted differently with the field of medicine, as healers, patients, and subjects of medical research? How do social and cultural norms about gender influence the definition of illness categories? What role does medicine play in defining and enforcing the boundaries of what is considered socially acceptable in terms of gender? How does gender as a social role affect health outcomes?

WGS 377 B

Dani Parker Moore

Special Topics: Race, Class, and Gender in a Color-Blind Society (3h)

Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM

An examination of issues surrounding race, class, and gender in the United States. Topics include income and wealth, theories of discrimination, public education, gender bias, and patterns of occupational and industrial segregation. Also listed as AES 310.

WGS 377 C

Megan Francisco

Special Topics: Gender, Sexuality, and Music (3h)

Monday/Wednesday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM

A historical overview of gender and sexuality and its role in music. This includes both a study of specific musicians as well as a broader exploration of gender roles and stereotypes in music. Cross-listed with MSC 109.

WGS 377 D
Mir Yarfitz

Special Topics: Prostitutes, Machos, and Travestis (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 2:00-3:15 PM

Explores gender and sexuality across 20th century Latin America and the Caribbean. Applies new theoretical developments in gender, masculinity, and LGBT studies to the region's history of race, revolution, labor, dictatorship, and social movements. Cases include the Mexican, Cuban, and Nicaraguan Revolutions and the Dominican and Argentine dictatorships. Also listed as HST 359.

WGS 377 E
Meghan Boone

Special Topics: Reproductive Justice (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 10:30 - 11:55 AM

Includes such women's, gender and sexuality studies topics as gender issues in the twenty-first century, critical approaches to women's issues, and the emergence of feminist thought. May be repeated for credit if topic differs. Also listed as LAW 468.

WGS 396
Kristina Gupta

Independent Study (1-3h)
TBD

An opportunity for students to engage in work and research that is shared with the broader public, either on campus or in a local community. A maximum of 3 hours may apply to the major or minor. May be repeated for credit. Only offered for 1.5 or 3 hours. P-POI.

WGSS Electives

A list of WGSS electives offered across other departments can be found [here](#).

All courses are subject to approval for the major and the minor. Special Topics courses must be in a relevant area. Additional elective courses may have been approved since publication of this bulletin. The chair of the department maintains a complete list of all official elective courses.

GES 390 A
Grant McAllister

German Women Writers(3h)
Monday/Wednesday, 2:00-3:15 PM

Examination of selected works by women authors. Literary periods, genres, and authors vary according to instructor. Also listed as HMN 391. (D)

PSY 265 A
Phillip Batten

Human Sexuality(3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-10:45 AM

An exploration of the psychological and physiological aspects of human sexuality, with attention to sexual mores, sexual deviances, sexual dysfunction, and sex-related roles. P-PSY 151

PSY 364 A
Adena Rottenstein

Stereotyping and Prejudice(3h)
Thursday, 5:00-7:30 PM

Theoretical and empirical examination of the processes underlying prejudice, discrimination and racism.
Pre-requisite: PSY 151. (CD, D)

SOC 360 SA (Study Abroad - Barcelona)
Jessica Francis

Social Inequality(3h)
Study Abroad

The study of structured social inequality with particular emphasis on economic class, social status, and political power. (CD)