



Spring 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 101A

Kristina Gupta

Window on Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1.5hr)(Sect. A)

Tuesday 9:30 - 10:45 AM

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 101B

Kristina Gupta

Window on Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1.5hr)(Sect. B)

Tuesday 11:00 AM - 12:15 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
Wanda Balzano

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality Studies (3hr)
Division I Requirement

Three Sections Available:

WGS 150 A: Wednesday/Friday, 9:45 - 11:00 AM (Wake Downtown)

WGS 150 C: Wednesday/Friday, 12:45 - 2:00 PM (Wake Downtown)

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 150B
Tivia Collins

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality: Feminist Politics in the Global South (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM
Division I Requirement

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 150D
Kristina Gupta

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality: Intersectionality is for Everybody (3hr)
Monday/Wednesday, 2:00 - 3:15 PM
Division I Requirement

Developed by black, indigenous, and other feminists of color, 'intersectionality' is a lens for seeing the ways in which various forms of inequality often operate together and exacerbate each other. In this course, we will examine intersectionality today, engaging with current thinking, research, and debates. We will also use intersectionality as a tool to examine contemporary issues such as gender-based violence, reproductive (in)justice, trans rights, and economic inequality.

WGS 150E
Staff

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality: Intersectionality is for Everybody (3hr)
Monday/Wednesday, 5:00 - 6:15 PM
Division I Requirement

Introduces feminism as a lens of analysis; gender, sexuality, and other social categories as social constructs; sexism, heterosexism, and other social systems as systems of oppression; and intersectionality as a lens of analysis. Topics of the course will vary based on the instructor.

WGS 150F
Julia Jordan-Zachery

Perspectives in Gender and Sexuality: Feminist Techniques of Care & Resistance (3hr)
Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30 - 4:45 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 222

Introduction to Sexuality Studies (3hr)

Jeff Solomon

Tuesday/Thursday 12:30 PM - 01:45 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 271A

Making Sense of the News Through A Feminist Lens (3hr)

Julia Jordan-Zachery

Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Inquiry into news literacy from a feminist perspective, with the intention to identify gender bias and consider questions of empowerment, exclusion, consumerism, and how to navigate the digital landscape to distinguish verified, reliable news from propaganda.

WGS 301A

Feminist Political Thought (3h)

Michaelle L Browsers

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

Introduction to feminist thought and its implications for the study and practice of political theory. Topics include feminist critiques of the Western political tradition and schools of feminist political theory. **Same as POL 277.**

WGS 306A/606AG

Queer Public Histories (3h)

Tivia Collins

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

Explores how public history projects (oral histories, museums, archives, documentaries) document gay, lesbian, and queer communities in the U.S. Discusses how historical and contemporary LGBTQ stories have been collected and examines the various queer identities that emerge through this process.

WGS 377A/WGS 677AG

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

Lanita Danielle Parker Moore

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

Examines 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. **Same as EDU 310 and AES 310.**

WGS 377B/WGS 677BG

Special Topics: Inclusive Public Spaces(3h)

David Phillips

Tuesday/Thursday, 11:15-12:30 PM

This course explores the design and use of public space, focusing on cultural values, gender roles and notions of class, gender, and ethnicity that act together to shape public space and its uses. Drawing from engaged humanities, feminist geography, and urban design, we'll be working at the Wake Downtown campus with Winston-Salem as our urban "laboratory," studying how space functions and the groups it excludes as we interview community leaders and residents. **Crosslisted with COM 370 J, HMN 385A, and HON 260 A.**

WGS 398A/698AG

Theory and Practice of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3hr)

Kristina Gupta

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

WGSS Major Requirement

Examines the major themes and terminology in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, with focus on its diverse and multicultural expressions through time. Themes to be explored include schools of feminism, interlocking systems of oppression and the connection between theory and practice.

Other Courses Offering WGSS Credit

SPRING 2024

COM 320A
Mary Dalton

Media Theory and Criticism (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 11:00 - 12:15 PM
WGSS Elective

Critical study of media including a survey of major theoretical frameworks.

COM 341A

**Class, Race, Sex and War:
Emancipation Discourse from the Civil War to the Second Wave of Feminism (3h)**
Wednesday/Friday 12:30-1:45 PM
WGSS Elective

Margaret D Zulick

Examines the influence of emancipation movements on American public discourse by reading and analyzing original speeches and documents. Among the movements addressed are labor, civil rights, student protest, and women's liberation.

HST 388A
Charles L. Wilkins

Nation, Faith, and Gender in the Middle East (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM
WGSS Elective

Traces the development of nationalism and its interaction with religious, transnational, and gender identities in the Middle East in the 19th and 20th centuries. Topics include Zionism, Arabism, Turkish nationalism, and Islamic revivalism.

REL 347A
Tanisha Ramachandran

Religion, Gender, and Sexuality (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 12:30 - 1:45 PM
WGSS Elective

Explores how "religion" regulates and normalizes gender and sexuality.

PSY 265
Phillip G Batten

Human Sexuality (3hr)
WGSS Elective

Two Sections Available:
PSY 265 A: Tuesday/Thursday, 8:00 - 9:15 AM
PSY 265 B: Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30 - 10:45 AM

Explores the psychological and physiological aspects of human sexuality, with attention to sexual mores, sexual deviances, sexual dysfunction, and sex-related roles.

PSY 364A
Lisa Kiang

Stereotyping and Prejudice (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday, 11:00 - 12:15 PM
WGSS Elective

Theoretical and empirical examination of the processes underlying prejudice, discrimination and racism.

SOC 153 A
Andrea Gomez Cervantes

Contemporary Families (3h)
Tuesday/Thursday 11:00-12:15 PM
WGSS Elective

In this course, we will examine contemporary families from a sociological perspective, and with particular attention to social inequalities. We will ask questions like, "In what ways have U.S. families changed in the past hundred years, and what factors are driving these changes?" How have ideas and norms about family

life changed? How are parents today balancing their family and work-related commitments, and what public policies might make this balancing act easier?