

GSST: GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES (UNDERGRADUATE)

GSST 1005 Introduction to Women's Gender & Sexuality Studies (4 Credits)

This course offers students an overview of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, an interdisciplinary field that establishes gender and sexuality as fundamental categories of social power and cultural analysis. Students will learn about different types of feminism and a variety of social movements that gave rise to feminist thought and practices in the United States and globally. Considering scholarship from various fields and perspectives, students will explore intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, dis/ability, body size, and other facets of social identity that impact people's lives. Related courses may be disciplinary rather than interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary; for example: Women, Girls, and the Media (COMM), U.S. Women's Multicultural Life-Writings (LIT), Images of Women in Western Civilization (ART), Feminist Theory (CUL), Theories of LGBTQ Identities (CUL). This course was previously CUL-281324 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies.

Attributes: Humanities Gen Ed, Liberal

GSST 1996 Special Topics in GSST (2-8 Credits)

GSST 1998 Individualized Studies in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSST) (1-8 Credits)

Students have the opportunity to develop individualized studies with their mentor in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSST). Please contact your mentor/advisor for more details.

GSST 2005 Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies (4 Credits)

This course provides an introduction to the field of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Studies. We will ask, what does it mean to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer? We will explore multiple answers to this question by learning about LGBTQ life through a variety of lenses, including history, sociology, literature, and the study of popular culture and media. Furthermore, we will incorporate race, class, religion, dis/ability, and other aspects of identity into our analyses of sexuality, identity, power, and society. This course was previously SOC-282314.

Attributes: Humanities Gen Ed, Liberal

GSST 2998 Individualized Studies in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSST) (1-8 Credits)

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GSST 3005 Queer Theory (4 Credits)

This course provides students with an in-depth knowledge of contemporary theories of sexuality, an interdisciplinary field called 'queer theory.' While queer theory often focuses on the complexity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered identity, the elasticity of the term queer is one of its defining characteristics; the aim of queer theory is to challenge rigid categories and definitions. We will examine the inconsistencies and erasures that often characterize notions of sex, gender, sexuality, and sexual desire, and the categories that intersect with sexual identities such as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, dis/ability, and age. Students will apply queer theory to an array of events and texts. Prerequisites: an introductory course in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Attributes: Liberal

GSST 3010 Faith & Feminisms (4 Credits)

In this course students will acquire, integrate, and apply knowledge about various religious traditions and feminist philosophy. Students will examine and analyze resources that focus on such issues as feminist reconstruction of origins, more inclusive ways of naming and imagining the Divine and spiritual awakening, and exemplary women's personal spiritual/faith journeys. While Christianity and feminist theology are key to this field of study, students will comparatively explore faith and feminisms in a variety of religious traditions such as Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Hinduism.

GSST 3015 Feminist Theory (4 Credits)

This interdisciplinary course explores the central issues of feminist theory, such as ideologies of woman and man, sexual politics, the political economy of patriarchy, and the ways that race, ethnicity, dis/ability, age, nationality, class and other aspects of social identity intersect with gender and sexuality. Students will apply feminist theory to a variety of texts and events. Prerequisites: an introductory class in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

GSST 3020 Homosexuality in Africa (4 Credits)

People in Africa, like people everywhere, have long engaged in homosexual or 'same sex relations', a term that refers to meaningful emotional and/or sexual relationships between people of the same sex (i.e., between men, or between women). This course will provide an overview of the study of same sex relations in Africa, and explore in depth specific case studies focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) movements for social justice. Students will engage in a research project of their own design that focuses on a particular case study of LGBTQ life in Africa. Highly Recommended (not required): Intro to LGBTQ+ Studies (GSST 2005) or a course focusing on Africa.

Attributes: Liberal

GSST 3025 Motherhood in America (4 Credits)

The purpose of this study is to explore the history and experience of motherhood in the United States from multiple perspectives. The student will analyze both the history of motherhood in the U.S. and the various ways in which feminists have understood, critiqued, and theorized motherhood. The study asks, how has the meaning and definition of motherhood shifted over time? How does the shifting identity of 'the mother' change in response to broader social, historical, and technological changes? How do other key aspects of identity - such as race, ethnicity, religion, class, age, or region - influence individuals' experiences of motherhood? Finally, the study also asks, what happens to women who choose not to become mothers?

Attributes: Liberal

GSST 3030 Sex & Gender in Global Perspective (4 Credits)

This study will explore the comparative study of gender and sexuality across different non-western cultures. Topics may include how different societies define femininity and masculinity, and how work, play, language, appearance and sexual expression come to be marked as 'appropriate' or even 'natural' for women and men. The course will examine non-binary gender systems, the variations in the sexual division of labor and economic organization, and the impact of forces such as colonialism and globalization on gender issues. This course was previously SOC-283324 Sex and Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Advanced.

Cross-listed with ANTH 3122.

Attributes: Other World Civilization Gn Ed, Liberal

GSST 3035 Sex & Gender in the United States (4 Credits)

This course examines the relationships between biological sex, gender, and various social structures that impact our understanding and lived experience of sexuality and gender. Topics will include the social construction of sexuality and gender (including masculinity, femininity and transgender identity). The course will analyze how social structures of race, class, gender, sexuality etc. intersect or interact with each other in specific social and historical contexts in the US. Special attention will be paid to controversial sex and gender issues that have emerged recently in the media and public discourse.

Attributes: Liberal

GSST 3040 Women in Islam (4 Credits)

The course looks at issues facing modern Islamic women as they negotiate their roles as observant Muslims, professional/working women, mothers, feminists, activists, and citizens of the world. Since there is great diversity among Muslim women, this course will look at women in a selection of Islamic states to understand how they differently define themselves within the Islamic community and how their religious orientation informs their experience as women and global citizens.

Attributes: Other World Civilization Gn Ed, Liberal

GSST 3152 Queering American Culture (4 Credits)

Examine recent and historical forms of cultural representation in the U.S. (e.g., plays, novels, autobiographies, movies, television programming, comic strips, and/or other cultural texts) for what they say about LGBTQ+ lives in America. Questions that may be considered include: How are LGBTQ+ people represented in American culture? How do LGBTQ+ people seek to represent themselves? How has American culture always been queer? This course was previously CUL-243204 . This course is cross listed with CUST 3152

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