

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (GSS)

GSS 10100 INTRODUCTION TO GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

This course explores gender and sexuality studies from a multidisciplinary perspective. This course examines the cultural, social and biological constructs of sex and gender and interrogates the structures – governmental, familial, religious and social – that have informed historical and current thinking about sex and gender. This course includes global histories and definitions of gender and sexuality across time and place, and asks students to ponder: why is gender a primary organizing societal principle, and how do race, class, sexuality and disability status intersect with it?

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GSS 30500 METHODOLOGIES AND PRAXIS IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

This course provides an arena for individual and group inquiry as well as conversations on methodologies and practices in gender studies pedagogy and research with emphases on multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary approaches. The topics reflect the crucial linkage between knowledge as we do knowledge, ethics as we embrace ethics, practices and traditions as they play and accrue within the real academic endeavors of the fields which converge and diverge in gender studies and its closely kindred variants. This course offers different methodological entrance points of use and value. At once, we study their deployment in actual practice. Moving beyond research practice, the course considers, too, the multifaceted praxes of scholars, teachers and cohorts of all kinds involved in the actional vision, mission, strategies, tactical planning and programmings, record-keeping, self-appraisals and archives at the heart of gender and sexuality studies.

Prerequisite: None.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GSS 40450 GENDER AND SEXUALITY ROUNDTABLE 3 Credit Hours

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach in examining how gender and sexuality have been constructed through social, cultural, discursive and economic processes in hierarchizing social relations in society. The course is organized in a roundtable format that draws on the expertise of scholars and practitioners in the field who introduce students to contemporary issues and debates around gender and sexuality, both locally and globally, in a participatory forum. Students also gain insight on critical anti-racist, feminist and queer epistemologies and pedagogies in order to generate new knowledge and act in addressing gender and sexual inequality in their communities and wider society.

Prerequisite: GSS 10100.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GSS 40591 SEMINAR IN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 3 Credit Hours

(Repeatable for credit) This course is required for all students in the Gender and Sexuality Studies major. The focus varies with instructor, providing students with advanced learning in gender and sexuality studies.

Prerequisite: GSS 10100.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Contact Hours: 3 lecture

Grade Mode: Standard Letter