



Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Fall 2020

WSTU 1: Introduction to Women's Studies

This interdisciplinary course introduces students to the key concepts, theoretical perspectives, and history of the field of women's studies. Feminist activism in the U.S. and the social construction of sex, gender, and sexuality will be examined. Utilizing feminist perspectives, students will analyze how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, social class, and sexuality as well as the representation, participation, and statuses of women in American institutions such as the media, workplace, and family.

COMS 275: Gender Communication

This course is an examination of communication patterns existing between males and females. The course is designed to integrate theory and practice, and to heighten students' awareness of the importance of gender as a communication variable. Emphasis is placed on perception, verbal and nonverbal communication in interpersonal, small group and public settings. Communication problems relating to gender are addressed along with listening, assertiveness, negotiation and other conflict management strategies.

ENGL 28: Images of Women in Literature

This course examines images of women in a variety of literary forms, including poetry, short stories, novels, plays, folklore, fairy tales, and nonfiction prose. Students become familiar with female archetypes, women's roles, and women's themes as presented by both male and female writers, examining traditional and revisionist approaches.

HIST 105: Women and American History from the Colonial Era to 1877

This course is a chronological survey of the history of the United States to 1877 with special emphasis on the contributions of women to colonial society and the nation. The impact of social, political, economic and cultural forces on women's lives will also be examined.

PSYCH 12: Human Sexuality

This course is the scientific study of human sexuality. Emphasis is placed on the analysis of sexuality from a psychological theoretical framework. Topics include the history of sex, the scientific research methods used to study sex, and the psychobiology of sex. This course also examines cultural views of sex and gender, sexual behavior and relationships, and sex as a social and medical issue.

PSYCH 19: Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity

This course is an introduction to psychological, social, and cultural aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity, with an emphasis on examining sexual orientation and gender identity from a psychological perspective. Topics will include historical perspectives on sexual orientation and gender identity and basic research methods used to study gender and sexuality; applied topics such as identity, relationships, mental and physical health, sexuality, prejudice and discrimination, and the role of LGBTQ allies in effecting change will also be included.

SOCI 102: The Family

This course will provide students with an overview of the sociological perspective on the institution of family. Both historical and contemporary aspects of singlehood, courtship, mate selection, love, cohabitation, marriage, and divorce will be examined. Components of family life including gender socialization, parenting styles, communication, and conflict resolution will be analyzed using various theoretical perspectives. Emphasis will be placed on examining diverse family structure and relationships as well as how family experiences are shaped by social class, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation.

SOCI 118: Sociology of Sexualities

This course examines how and why sexuality matters in society at both individual and institutional levels. It addresses diverse sexualities using sociological theories, methodological processes, and an intersectional approach involving race/ethnicity, class, and gender. Students will utilize a sociological lens to assess the relationship between historical socio-sexual contexts and contemporary sexualities.

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Course	Section	Instructor
WSTU 1	2993	Rippel
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	4245	Lindner
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COMS 275	5863	Janke
ENGL 28	6635	Gallagher
HIST 105	2385	Teal
PSYCH 12	2905	Stelter
	4212	Galvan
PSYCH 19	2921	Simon
SOCI 102	2965	Rodriguez
	2967	Din
	4235	Stone
	4236	Thing
SOCI 118	2989	Wosick