

2011-13 Cal Poly Catalog

Women's and Gender Studies Department

WGS–WOMEN'S and GENDER STUDIES

WGS 270 Selected Topics (1–4)

Directed group study of selected topics. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Open to undergraduate students and consent of instructor.

WGS 301 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (4) GE D5 USCP

Introduction to theories and research on gender and sexuality, gender stratification, and gender role development. Broad interdisciplinary examination of issues involving gender and sexuality, as well as race and ethnicity, with special emphasis on how these issues affect both women's and men's lives. Issues such as reproductive rights, gender and body image, the origins of patriarchy, gender and class. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A and one course from lower division Area D. Recommended: Junior standing. Fulfills GE D5 and USCP.

WGS 311 Sociology of Gender (4)

Description and analysis of the impact of gender definitions on men and women in society. Special attention is given to the learning process; the creation and perpetuation of gender stereotypes and the way these affect individual life chances and social structure, explored in the areas of work, education, family and abusive relationships. Focus on media presentation of gender and effects of ethnicity and class. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Junior standing. *Crosslisted as SOC/WGS 311.*

WGS 314 Psychology of Women (4)

The lives of women from a psychological perspective. Topics include gender similarities and differences; masculinity, femininity, and androgyny; women's mental and physical health; female sexuality; women's roles in the workplace and the home; and harassment and violence against women. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: PSY 201 or PSY 202. *Crosslisted as PSY/WGS 314.*

WGS 316 Women as Subject and Object in Art History (4)

Exploration of the role of women in the visual arts. Women as artists, women as portrayed in art, and feminist theory as it applies to the study of the visual arts and art history. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: ART 111, ART 112 or consent of instructor. *Crosslisted as ART/WGS 316.*

WGS 320 Women in Global Perspective (4) GE D5

Similarities and differences in women's lives internationally. Cultural influences such as class, ethnicity, and religion on women's status. Study of global feminism, reproductive rights, women's labor, women in development, women's politics. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A and one course from lower division Area D. Recommended: Junior standing. Fulfills GE D5.

WGS 340 Sexuality Studies (4) GE D5

Sexuality in a cultural and historical context. Changing definitions of human subjectivity. The cultural and social regimes that control and create sexuality (including the "invention" of homo/heterosexuality and the social, legal and political systems that define sexual ab/normality). Contemporary issues of sexual orientation and topics of sexuality in relation to gender and race. 4 seminars. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A and one course from lower division Area D. Recommended: Junior standing. Fulfills GE D5.

WGS 350 Gender, Race, Science and Technology (4) GE Area F USCP

Interdisciplinary examination of the complex relationships between gender, race, science, and technology in educational, work, knowledge production, policy, and ethical contexts. Topics may include reproductive, medical, genetic, and emerging technologies and exploration of efforts to create more socially responsible science/technology. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area B2 or B3. Recommended: Junior standing. *Crosslisted as ES/WGS 350.* Fulfills GE Area F and USCP.

WGS 351 Global Engineering: Gender, Race, Class, Nation (4) GE Area D5

Cross-cultural, comparative analysis of what it means to be an engineer, do engineering work, the structure of engineering education; focus on social, economic, political, legal institutions and 21st century challenges; special attention to interlocking systems of gender, race, class, nation. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area A and two lower division courses in Area D. *Crosslisted as ES/WGS 351.* Fulfills GE Area D5. *New course, effective Winter 2013.*

WGS 370 Religion, Gender and Society (4) GE C4 USCP

Critical examination of religious ideas and institutions in America in relation to gender, race and politics. Focus on women and religion, the religious experience of minorities, and on politics. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Completion of GE Areas A and C2. Recommended: Junior standing. *Crosslisted as RELS/WGS 370.* Fulfills GE C4 and USCP.

WGS 400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1–4)

Individual investigation, research studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 4 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter. Prerequisite: WGS 301 or consent of Women's and Gender Studies Chair.

WGS 401 Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies (4)

Intensive study of a selected topic in Women's Studies (such as women and work, women and the law, women in the arts). The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Field experience may be required as appropriate. May be repeated for up to 8 units. 3 seminars and a research project. Prerequisite: WGS 301 or consent of instructor. Recommended: Junior standing.

WGS 434 American Women's History to 1870 (4)

Female ideology and experience from the colonial period through the American Civil War. Use of a variety of sources, including women's own writing, in order to understand the history of women as it both reflects and shapes American culture and society. 3 lectures and research project. Prerequisite: HIST 303; junior standing or consent of instructor. *Crosslisted as HIST/WGS 434.*

WGS 435 American Women's History from 1870 (4) USCP

The female past in the modern period of U.S. history. Considers how transformations in gender roles are reflective of other significant changes in American culture and society. Emphasis on class, race, and ethnic variations in women's experience. 3 lectures and research project. Prerequisite: HIST 303 or consent of instructor. *Crosslisted as HIST/WGS 435.* Fulfills USCP.

WGS 450 Feminist Theory (4) USCP

History and evolution of ideas about gender, race/ethnicity and sexual identity. Special attention as to how social, historical, and ideological forces, organized by the central, intertwined concepts of gender and race, shape both our critical thinking and our lives. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Prerequisite: WGS 301 or consent of instructor. Fulfills USCP.

WGS 470 Selected Advanced Topics (1–4)

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.