WOMEN'S STUDIES

Course Search

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

Courses

WST 2322 Introduction to Health Disparities 3 Credits
Examination of the multifaceted issue of health disparities based upon race and ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, education, sexuality, disability, physical and mental health, geography and other factors. Related issues include social determinants of health, cultural competency, health literacy, advocacy, social justice and health equity. (S and D)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Social Science

WST 2611 Humanities Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality 3 Credits
Close readings of cultural representations (in literature, the visual arts, movies, television, the Internet, etc.) facilitates the understanding of intersecting categories of identity such as gender, sexuality, class and race. Examines how such categories operate in everything from novels to YouTube to the evening news. (H and D) (WR)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Social Science

WST 2612 Social Science Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality 3 Credits
The social construction of gender, sexuality, race, class and other identity categories. Readings focus on individuals, families and cultural groups, mainly in the U.S. but with attention to other nations. Subjects as intimate as the body and violence and as pervasive as politics and the law are included. The course emphasizes differences in daily life experiences of health care, education, sports and religion. Finally, it examines the potential of movements for social change. (S and D) (WR)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Social Science

WST 3015 Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Women's Studies 3 Credits
Drawing on materials and methodologies from a variety of disciplines, this class explores the diverse experiences of women in past eras and in the present, and in the U.S. and abroad. Required for the women’s studies major and minor. (H or S, and D) (WR)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Humanities
General Education - Social Science
WR4

WST 3323 Gender, Bodies, and Health 3 Credits
Examines how gender is "worn" on the female body. Adopting a feminist interdisciplinary approach, explores three themes: cisgender female biology in social context, bodily practices concerning food and exercise, and disease (i.e., cancer). Examines intersections of gender, race, class, and disability, and role of activism/policy changes in improving people's health.
Prereq: Sophomore standing

WST 3335 Women and Gender Analysis through American Film: 1950-Present 3 Credits
Traces how film and Hollywood cinema represent women, gender, and feminism over the past sixty years. Analyzes the relationship of film and the sociology and history of feminist movements. Addresses intersections of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, and class found in American cinema. (C, D, and H) (WR)

WST 3339 Ecofeminism 3 Credits
A holistic framework for understanding the connections between environmental, feminist and social justice issues. This course critically analyzes positions within ecofeminist theory. (WR)
WR4

WST 3349 Transnational Feminism 3 Credits
Examines leadership concepts in general, and for women in particular. Covers leadership strategies in a historical framework, leadership dilemmas in various industries (locally and globally), and experiential and case-study based leadership.
Prereq: Sophomore standing or instructor permission

WST 3350 Gender, Race and Science 3 Credits
Examines how gender is “worn” on the female body. Adopting a feminist interdisciplinary approach, explores three themes: cisgender female biology in social context, bodily practices concerning food and exercise, and disease (i.e., cancer). Examines intersections of gender, race, class, and disability, and role of activism/policy changes in improving people's health.
Prereq: Sophomore standing

WST 3351 Women, Leadership & Diversity in the Global Environment 3 Credits
Examines leadership concepts in general, and for women in particular. Covers leadership strategies in a historical framework, leadership dilemmas in various industries (locally and globally), and experiential and case-study based leadership.
Prereq: Sophomore standing or instructor permission

WST 3355 Women and Gender Analysis through American Film: 1950-Present 3 Credits
Traces how film and Hollywood cinema represent women, gender, and feminism over the past sixty years. Analyzes the relationship of film and the sociology and history of feminist movements. Addresses intersections of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, and class found in American cinema. (C, D, and H) (WR)

WST 3371 Women, Leadership & Diversity in the Global Environment 3 Credits
Examines leadership concepts in general, and for women in particular. Covers leadership strategies in a historical framework, leadership dilemmas in various industries (locally and globally), and experiential and case-study based leadership.
Prereq: Sophomore standing or instructor permission

WST 3375 Gender and Food Politics 3 Credits
Survey of the gendered history of food and foodways from the early 17th century to the modern period; may be taught with a service learning component.
Prereq: Sophomore standing
WST 3703 History of American Medicine: Race, Class, Gender, and Science 3 Credits
Overview of the development of the medical profession in the US with attention to ways that class, gender, and race have shaped the idea of "scientific medicine.
Prereq: Sophomore standing or departmental permission

WST 3930 Special Interdisciplinary Topics in Women's Studies 1-4 Credits
Variable topics from different fields of study in gender/women's studies based on a feminist approach. Topics can include gender issues in education, women's autobiography and women's health issues.

WST 4326 Women and Therapy 3 Credits
Survey of the development of mental health interventions from the 19th century to the present, with attention to women as patients, practitioners, and consumers.

WST 4630 Gender, Culture, and Place 3 Credits
How are the experiences of gender and sexuality configured by geography, location and the built environment? How do gender relations and sexual practices define and give meaning to space and place? This class explores these questions through interdisciplinary consideration of the gendered relationships that unfold in significant spaces and places in the U.S. and the world.

WST 4641 Lesbian and Gay Studies 3 Credits
Overview of lesbian and gay studies, including a portrait of the field, challenges, core debates and possible future directions of such research.
Prereq: instructor permission

WST 4704 Discrimination and Health 3 Credits
Examines discrimination and health from a variety of perspectives. Explores links of discrimination experiences with health behaviors and outcomes, discrimination in healthcare settings, and routes to improving health at individual, group, and legislative levels. Addresses multiple forms of discrimination (e.g., race, sex, class, sexual orientation/gender identity) and their intersections.
Prereq: PSY 2012 or any WST course or junior standing

WST 4905 Independent Study in Women's Studies 1-3 Credits
For advanced undergraduate students who want to supplement regular courses with independent reading or research.

WST 4911 Undergraduate Research in Women's Studies 3 Credits
Course provides firsthand, supervised research in Women's Studies. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application in Women's Studies.

WST 4930 Special Topics 1-6 Credits
Lectures and seminars covering selected topics of current interest in women's studies and/or gender studies.
Prereq: instructor permission

WST 4935 Capstone Seminar 1-6 Credits
This capstone course, required for all majors, is the culmination of the women's studies major. It explores past and present scholarship to reaffirm the interdisciplinary nature of the field and to highlight relationships among feminist theory, intellectual practice and social change. The bulk of the semester is devoted to an independent writing project on the student's selected topic.
Prereq: WST 3015

WST 4940 Internship 1-3 Credits
Practical experience in the community with a local agency, group or business involved in women's issues. (S-U)
Prereq: instructor and program director permission

WST 4941C Practicum in Health Disparities 3 Credits
Capstone experience for seniors enrolled in the health disparities in society minor. Students are matched with preceptors from community agencies that work with underserved, disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations. Students will learn about the agency and its organizational culture while applying concepts of cultural competence, linguistic appropriateness and health disparities.
Prereq: WST 2322 and enrollment in health disparities minor

WST 4956 Overseas Studies 1-15 Credits
This course provides a mechanism by which coursework taken as part of an approved study abroad program can be recorded on the UF transcript and counted toward graduation.
Prereq: advisor permission

WST 4970 Women's/Gender Studies Honors Thesis 3 Credits
For students pursuing an honors thesis in WST, in accordance with the protocols established by the WST and honors programs. Students design and pursue an independent research project with guidance from an advisor.
Prereq: WST 4935 and WST majors