

# WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Course Search

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

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*Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.*

## 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 - Humanities  
WR6

### 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  
WR4

### 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)

**Prereq:** Sophomore standing or instructor permission  
General Education - Diversity  
General Education - Humanities  
WR2

### WST 3349 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 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 3415 Transnational Feminism 3 Credits

Women and feminism in a transnational perspective, focusing on various theories and movements engendered by women in contemporary national contexts. The course examines development, reproductive politics and women's health. (S and N)

General Education - International  
General Education - Social Science

### WST 3603 Sexualities Studies 3 Credits

The interdisciplinary study of sexualities covering diverse theories of sexualities and desire, and how these theories are socially constructed and regulated. Central to the class are the connections between sexualities and other social locators such as race, ethnicity, gender, social class, age and ability or disability.

**Prereq:** sophomore standing or instructor permission

### WST 3610 Gender, Race and Science 3 Credits

Feminist theories of nature, science and technology, and how gender and race are critical to the origins of science, the making of scientists and the politics of contemporary practice.

### WST 3663 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
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