



Women Studies Autumn 2008 Course Schedule

WOMEN 200 Introduction to Women Studies (5) I&S (MTWTh 10:30 – 11:20) Rebecca Aanerud

Feminist analysis of the construction and enforcement of gender differences and gender inequalities in various contexts. Emphasis on the intersection of race, class, sexuality, and nationality in the lives of women. Topics include feminist theory, motherhood, popular culture, sexual autonomy, racism, and activism in the United States, Asia, Latin America.

WOMEN 310 Women and the Law (5) I&S (MTWThF 9:30 – 10:20) Pat Novotny

Examines how law addresses women, how the courts have made attempts to address women of color, poor women, lesbians, and women with disabilities. Topics include constitutional construction of equality, employment discrimination, reproductive rights, regulation of sexuality, families and motherhood, sexual harassment, violence against women and international women and human rights.

WOMEN 322 Race, Class, and Gender (5) I&S (TTh 1:30 – 3:20) Instructor TBA

The intersection of race, class, and gender in the lives of women of color in the United States from historical and contemporary perspectives. Topics include racism, classism, sexism, activism, sexuality, and inter-racial dynamics between women of color groups. Offered: jointly with AES 322.

WOMEN 357 Psychobiology of Women (5) NW (TTh 9:30 – 11:20) Nancy Kenney

Physiological and psychological aspects of women's lives: determinants of biological sex; physiological and psychological events of puberty, menstruation, and menopause; sexuality; pregnancy, childbirth; the role of culture in determining the psychological response to the physiological events. Recommended: PSYCH/WOMEN 257. Offered: jointly with PSYCH 357.

WOMEN 383 Social History of American Women to 1890 (5) I&S (MTWThF 9:30 – 10:20) Shirley Yee

A multi-racial, multicultural study of women in the United States from the 17th century to 1890 emphasizing women's unpaid work, participation in the paid labor force, charitable and reform activities, and 19th century social movements. Uses primary materials such as diaries, letters, speeches, and artifacts. Offered: jointly with HSTAA 373; W.

WOMEN 435 Gender and Spirituality (5) I&S (MW 2:30-4:20) Kate Noble

Exploration of ways in which gender informs spiritual teachings and practices of different groups in ancient and contemporary times, with particular attention to the relationship between spiritual beliefs and the construction of social, psychological, and political realities.

WOMEN 440 Reading Native American Women's Lives (5) I&S (TTh 1:30 – 3:20) Luana Ross

Seminar based on social science writings, autobiographies, biographies, and fiction written by, with, or about indigenous women of the United States and Canada. Offered: jointly with AIS 440.

WOMEN 458 Ideologies and Technologies of Motherhood (5) I&S (TTh 1:30 – 3:20) C. Lowe

Examines how motherhood is culturally constituted, regulated, and managed within various ideological and technological milieus. Uses ethnographies from anthropology and case studies from feminist legal theory. Topics

include slave mothers, surrogate mothers, lesbian mothers, transracial mothers, co-mothers, teen mothers.
Prerequisite: WOMEN 200. Offered: jointly with ANTH 484.

WOMEN 474 Trans/Gender Queries (5) I&S (W 12:30 – 3:20) *Amanda Swarr*

Writings by and about people who fall outside common conceptions of "women" and "men." Looks beyond this dualism in contemporary and historical global concepts, locating the emerging field of transgender studies in feminist studies and asking what the category "transgender" enables and obscures.

WOMEN 490 Special Topics in Women Studies (2-5, max. 15) I&S (TTh 3:30 – 5:20)

Instructor TBA

Exploration of specific problems and issues relevant to the study of women. Offered by visiting or resident faculty members. Primarily for upper-division and graduate students.

WOMEN 501 History of Feminism (5) (T 12:30 – 3:20) *Shirley Yee*

Study of feminism from the 18th through the 20th centuries in the national, international, and intranational world system, with a focus on imperialism, colonialism, nationalism, and modernity. Surveys the literature in a global context, supplemented by critical essays and historiographic reviews.

WOMEN 590A Special Topics (1-5, max. 15) (M 11:30 – 2:20) *Amanda Swarr*

Offered by visitors or resident faculty as a one-time in-depth study of special interest.

WOMEN 590B Special Topics (1-5, max. 15) (Th 2:30 – 5:20) *Michelle Habell-Pallan*

Offered by visitors or resident faculty as a one-time in-depth study of special interest.

WOMEN 590C Special Topics (1-5, max. 15) (MW 1:30 – 3:20) *Rebecca Aanerud*

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