



***Women Studies  
Spring 2006  
Course Schedule***

**WOMEN 200A Introduction to Women Studies (5) I&S (MW, 2:30 – 4:20)**

*Alison Mandaville*

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 200B Introduction to Women Studies (5) I&S (TTh, 10:30 – 12:20) *Zakiya Adair***

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**WOMEN 310 Women and the Law (5) I&S (TTh, 9:30 – 11:20) *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 (MW, 1:30 – 3:20) *Sasha Welland***

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 345 Women and International Economic Development (5) I&S (MW, 3:30 – 5:20)**

*Serena Maurer*

Questions how women are affected by economic development in Third World and celebrates redefinitions of what development means. Theoretical perspectives and methods to interrogate gender and development policies introduced. Current processes of globalization and potential for changing gender and economic inequalities assessed.

**WOMEN 427U Women and Violence (5) I&S (TTh, 4:30 – 6:20) *Angela Ginorio***

Multi-disciplinary explorations of the continuum of violence which affects women's lives, ranging from experience in personal settings (family violence) to cultural or state policies (prisons, wars). Violence against women explored in the context of societal, political, and state violence. Recommended: WOMEN 200.

**WOMEN 455 Contemporary Feminist Theory (5) I&S (TTh, 9:30 – 11:20) *Rebecca Aanerud***

Raises the question of how political contexts condition the way some ideas become theory. Emphasizes the present crises in thinking about a transnational feminism.

**WOMEN 456-TS Feminism, Racism, and Anti-Racism (5) I&S (MW, 7:00 – 9:00 pm)**

*Alison Mandaville*

Examines meaning of racism and feminism in women's lives in an international context. Building upon an analysis of racial hierarchies and institutionalized racism, explores strategies used by women engaged in feminist and anti-racist activism. Prerequisite: WOMEN 200.

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

*Mae Henderson*

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 490A Introduction to Work & Family (5) I&S (MW, 1:30 – 3:20) *Kate Quinn***

Multidisciplinary introduction to the field of work and family. Analyzes the combination of work and family through three lenses: gender, sociology, and economics. Topics include: domesticity and gendered roles in the home; the ideal worker and gendered roles in the workplace; caregiving and mommy wars; sequencing; spillover; and compartmentalization versus integration. Jointly offered with Sociology 401 and Economics 306.

**WOMEN 490B Criminality and "Deviance" in Native Communities (5) (TTh, 1:30 – 3:20)**

*Luana Ross*

This seminar explores Native law and deviance in Native communities, with a focus on criminality in North America. Critical attention will be given to the intersections of nationhood, race/ethnicity, gender, and class within the context of colonialism and deviance/criminality.

**WOMEN 490C Women & the New Economy in South Asia (5) (TTh, 1:30 – 3:20)**

*S. Charusheela*

This course explores a nuanced and contextual understanding of the debates and evidence of shifts of policy regimes taking place under different types of economic structures in South Asian nations. The aim of the course is to provide a better comprehension of the relationship of these changes to shifts in gender relations and women's studies, with focus on India and Bangladesh.

**WOMEN 503 Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry (5) (TTh, 11:30 – 1:20)**

*David Allen*

Explores appropriate research methodologies for interdisciplinary work. Asks how scholarship is related to feminism as a social movement and to the institutions in which we work. Focuses on how similar objects of study are constituted in different disciplines for feminist scholars. Offered: Sp.

**WOMEN 590A Feminist International Political Economy (5) (1:00 – 4:00) *Nancy Kenney***

The focus of this course is on understanding feminist engagements with international political economy from multiple perspectives. Theoretical discussions will include feminist analyses and critiques of capitalism as a global system, of international development, and of globalization. Recent feminist theories such as Third World Feminism, Transnational Feminism, and Critical Development Studies will be considered. Assignments will include reading empirical trends and ethnographies that adopt particular theoretical frames. The final essay will be on the circuits theories have traveled and how they are deployed by feminists in one national context or in understanding one international social issue.