WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

Courses

WGS 201 Introduction To Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 3
This class provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of women's, gender, and sexuality studies. The focus of this course will be the many ways gender is integral to our understanding of our world and the communities in which we live.

WGS 301 Introduction to Feminist Theory Credits: 3
This course covers a wide variety of feminist theories and theoretical perspectives, primarily since the 1960s, and is devoted to understanding and evaluating this body of work and the insights and possibilities for change that it suggests.
Prerequisites: WGS 201.

WGS 314CC Weimar Culture: Gender and Modernity in Central Europe Credits: 3
A cluster course concerned with the culture of Weimar Germany (1919-1933), a period of crucial importance not only for German history but also for European and world history. Examines how film, advertising, theater set design, painting, photography and other media sought to re-imagine gender identities, foster new cultural forms, and transform economic relations during the Roaring Twenties in Germany.
Cross Listings: GERMAN 314CC.

WGS 405 Special Topics In Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Credits: 1-3
Each time this course is offered a different area of Women's and Gender Studies will be covered. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic changes.

WGS 408 Gender, Health, and Development in Senegal Credits: 3
This course examines women's economic empowerment, health education initiatives, philanthropy, and social entrepreneurship in West Africa and Senegal in particular. In the main city of Dakar we will visit indigenous and global nonprofits to study their policies and processes. The culture, both urban and rural, will be experienced in order to provide a unique perspective on the Senegalese and their culture.
Cross Listings: HISTORY 408, HLSC 408.

WGS 460CC CC: Queer in the City: An introduction to Lesbian and Gay Studies Credits: 3
This course introduces queer theory within the context of gender studies and urban studies. We will read, discuss, and react to classic text in queer theory, lesbian and gay studies, and sexuality and space studies. There will be an emphasis on finding "otherness" within everyday spaces, places, texts, and discourses.

WGS 484 Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship Credits: 1-4
The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Internship Program is an opportunity for undergraduate students to gain on-site experience. Students will receive 1-4 hours of academic credit while learning and working in off- or on-campus placements. Students will engage in the ongoing feminist effort to integrate research with social activism as they apply academic knowledge to their work experience and consider how practical experience informs or alters theory. Internship experiences may take place on or off-campus, such as at the UMKC Women’s Center or a local battered women's shelter. The Women's Center Director serves as coordinator for all internship experiences.
Prerequisites: WGS 201.

WGS 499 Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: Senior Seminar Credits: 3
This capstone course focuses on research leading to a term paper on a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Topic.