**Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Program**  
*American University, College of Arts and Sciences*  
**Fall 2014 Course Offerings**

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| WGSS-125 | FA4 | Gender in Society  
001 TF 11:45AM 01:00PM | Young, G |
|          |      | This course focuses on the social construction of gender along with other forms of social inequality; representations of gender that permeate all forms of cultural experience; and theoretical arguments regarding key issues such as equality, ethics and politics, as well as debates at the frontier of gender theory. Usually offered every fall. |
| WGSS-225 | FA4 | Gender, Politics & Power  
001 TF 04:00PM 05:15PM  
002 MTH 02:35PM 03:50 PM | Fulbright, Y |
|          |      | This course explores the ways in which the social and cultural construction of sexual difference influences the nature and practice of political life over time and in a variety of countries. It examines the ways in which power is gendered and studies how gender has served as a basis for political organization and a critique of public life. Usually offered every fall. |
| WGSS-240 | FA4 | Sexuality Studies  
001 MTH 11:45PM 01:00PM | |
|          |      | This course explores the history of the formation of categories of analysis, such as sex, gender, and sexuality/desire, in relationship to fields of knowledge production about sexuality. The course considers the significance of the field of sexuality studies emergent in the United States, and the relationship of sexuality, something commonly thought of as intimate, to the realm of the institutional, discursive, and policy, that is, the social. Usually offered every spring. |
| WGSS-350 |      | Interpreting Gender in Culture  
03.00 | |
|          |      | 001 Women, Culture and Poverty  
TH 05:30PM 08:00PM | Okopny, C |
|          |      | This course undertakes an interdisciplinary and intersectional examination of how U.S. public policy has helped shape popular beliefs about family, motherhood, justice, and meritocracy. |
|          |      | 002 History of the LGBT Movement  
W 08:10PM 10:40PM | Connelly, R |
|          |      | This course examines current issues of importance to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities within their historical, sociological, and |
political contexts. From the origins of the LGBT movement to its contemporary cultural impact, students study the derivations, development, and intersection of these issues as they are advanced and sustained by the LGBT communities’ strategies and activism.

003 Gender and Violence
T 05:30PM 8:00PM Irvine, M
This course addresses gender-based violence including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking from a historical, sociological, and legal perspective. Readings emphasize current issues and responses and include an analysis of the dynamics of gender-based violence within diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual orientations, and immigrant statuses.

004 Masculinities
TF 10:20AM 11:35AM
Courses devoted to the study of gender often focus exclusively on the negative effects of the sex-gender system on the lives of women. This course critically examines the social construction of masculinities while interrogating dominant hetero-normative narratives of masculinity. By exploring masculinities around multiple axes of identity, including gender, sexualities, race, disabilities, ethnicities, and sexual orientation, it identifies how masculinities function in a complex and diverse way within cultures and human social interactions.

WGSS-490 Independent Study
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01.00-06.00
Independent Study Project in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
*Varies by Student*

WGSS-491 Internship
01.00-06.00    Weis, L
(Prerequisite: WGSS-125 and permission of instructor and program director)

WGSS-500 Current Issues and Research in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
001 W 11:45AM 02:25PM Findlay, E
03.00
(Prerequisite: WGSS-400 or permission of program director)
This course focuses on philosophies, methods, and theories entailed in doing scholarly work in women’s, gender, and sexuality studies. The course entails close examination of selected current works in the discipline; collaborative work developing bibliographies and designing research activities; and individual work in the field. Usually offered every fall.

WGSS-690 Independent Study
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01.00-06.00
Independent Study Project in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
*Varies by Student*

WGSS-691 Internship
01.00-06.00    Weis, L
(Prerequisite: WGSS-125 and permission of instructor and program director)
AMERICAN STUDIES

AMST-330 Contemporary American Culture

001 Sexuality and Social Media
W 05:30PM 08:00PM Woods,S 03.00

This course examines the interplay between sex, sexuality, and social media. The advantages and disadvantages of the growth of social media as it pertains to social media, and how the evolution of online communication and social networks has encouraged sexual expression, sex education, and activism are explored. The course looks at how social media has also increased fear, misinformation, prejudice, and harassment with respect to individual and group sexuality, as well as the impact of social media on relationships and forming identities. The course utilizes readings on human sexuality, online resources, and case studies to help answer these questions.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH-215 Sex, Gender & Culture
03.00
001 MTH 10:20AM 11:35AM Steinmetz, E
002 MTH 01:10PM 02:25PM Steinmetz, E
003 TF 08:55AM 10:10AM TBA

How economic systems, social structures, and values construct and redefine biological distinctions between women and men. Includes gender in egalitarian societies; origins and consequences of patriarchy; gay and lesbian cultures; gender, politics, and social change. Case studies from tribal, state-level, and post-colonial contexts. Usually offered every term.

ANTH-350 Special Topics

002 Language and Sexuality
MTH 04:00PM 05:15PM Leap, W 03.00

This course uses recent work in anthropology, feminist theory, critical race theory, and queer linguistics to explore the connections between language and sexuality: what can people say about desire, object choice, displacement, transgression, trauma, regulation, and taboo? What must people leave unsaid, and why? ANTH-225 or ANTH-254 strongly recommended.

ART HISTORY

ARTH-496 Selected Topics: Non-Recurring:

Women in Modern East Asian Visual Culture
002 MTH 04:00PM 05:15PM 03.00
(Meets with ARTH-696 002)

This course explores women's contestation against Confucian patriarchy in the visual fields in China, Japan, and Korea in the twentieth century. Painting, photography, film, and illustrations in women's magazines are the main media examined. The class focuses on the representation and visual consumption of the female body to explore how artists, filmmakers, and designers constructed women's changing positions in modern East Asian societies.
ECONOMICS

ECON-374 Gender Roles in the Economy
001 MTH 01:10PM 02:25PM Grown,C 03.00
(Prerequisite: ECON-100 and ECON-200)

Explores the gender dimensions of economic life. An in-depth look at the roles of men and women in the community, the market, and within the household; how gender roles are affected by economic and social change. The discipline of economics is brought to bear on the study of women's and men's well-being and status in society. Usually offered every fall.

ECON-674 Gender Perspectives on Economic Analysis: Microeconomics
001 W 05:30PM 08:00PM Floro,M 03.00
(Prerequisite: ECON-600 or ECON-803, and ECON-601 or ECON-802; or ECON-603)

This course explores the gender dimensions of economic life drawn from a rich body of studies and research on gender-aware analyses in microeconomics, labor, poverty, and social policy. Using analytical models, empirical studies, case histories and ethnographic research, it examines varied theories of the household and household bargaining; reproductive economy, care work and unpaid work; labor markets; assets and income distribution; gender, inequality, and poverty; and related social policy issues. Usually offered alternate falls (even years).

ENRICHMENT GENDER EMPOWERMENT CHANGE

EGPH-050 Voices of Women
001T M 05:30PM 08:00PM 00.00

Voices of Women is a six week journey of self-discovery on topics most affecting women today: The Changing Rules of Marriage; Balancing Work and Motherhood; Navigating the Midlife Career Switch; Discovering Your True Passion; Understanding Men Today; Getting What You Want in Work and in Life.

FRENCH

FREN-433 Female Voices of Francophone World
002 MTH 02:35PM 03:50PM Hachad,N 03.00
(Meets with Fren-633 002)

This course introduces students to twentieth and twenty-first century cultural productions by women from France, Belgium, Morocco, Algeria, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Senegal, and Vietnam. The class explores a woman's take on gender, religion, and society, national identity, race, and memory. Students are also introduced to critical notions of ecriture feminine, negritude, creolisation, and post-colonial thought from a woman's perspective.
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GOVERNMENT

GOVT-282 Introduction to Women and Politics
SSU 09:00AM 05:00PM $50.00
Lawless,J; Morella,C 01.00

This course is an intensive introduction to women and politics. Students in the course gain an understanding of the historical struggle of women for political, economic, and educational rights, as well as the major actors who were or continue to be involved in these efforts.

GOVT-483 Women, Politics & Public Policy
001 W 05:30PM 08:00PM Sherman, E 03.00
(Prerequisite: GOVT-110, Meets with GOVT-683)

A wide variety of issues of concern to women, including healthcare, welfare, educational equity, employment discrimination, and reproductive rights are examined through the lens of the formal policy-making process.

GOVT-484 Women & Political Leadership
001 T 08:55AM 11:35AM Lawless, J 03.00
(Prerequisite: GOVT-110, Meets with GOVT-684)

This course explores the historical evolution of women as leaders, the factors that have limited the number of women in leadership positions, and the differences in men's and women's leadership styles.

GOVT-485 Topics in Women and Politics
001 Women, Politics and Philanthropy
SSU 09:00AM 05:00PM $50.00
Lawless,J; Cone, M 01.00
(Prerequisite: GOVT-110, Meets with GOVT-685 001)

This course is an intensive introduction to women and politics. Students in the course gain an understanding of the historical struggle of women for political, economic, and educational rights, as well as the major actors who were or continue to be involved in these efforts.
There are over 60 legislative, parliamentary, presidential, and referenda elections scheduled for 2014. What will the mid-term elections mean for women in elective office, will the percentage of women in Congress increase as in 2012? Will political upheavals around the world yield new opportunities for women in public life? This course explores the barriers and opportunities for women in 2014 elections as candidates, voters, party leaders, and campaigners/advocates, as well as efforts to overcome barriers to participation and achieve gender parity in women's political leadership.

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002 Women and the 2014 Elections: U.S. and around the World
SSU     09:00AM 05:00PM  $50.00
Lawless,J: Gettman, L
01.00
(Meets with GOVT 485 002)

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GOVT-686 Feminist Political Theory
001 W 11:45AM 02:25PM Houser, S
03.00
(Meets with GOVT 486 001)

This course traces the major debates in feminist political theory and their roots in liberalism, communitarianism, Marxism, post-modernism, and other schools of thought and examines the ways in which feminist political theory can inform current policy debates concerning women. Usually offered every fall.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

HFIT-296 Selected Topics: Non-Recurring

002 Peer Health Education: Sexual and Relationship Violence
W 05:30PM 08:00PM Rappaport,D
03.00
(Prerequisite: permission of instructor)

This course challenges and expands students’ perceptions regarding the issues of sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking. Throughout this course, students hone leadership, group facilitation, public speaking, and presentation skills. Upon completion of this course students are eligible to participate in the Peer Educators for the Elimination of Relationship and Sexual Violence (PEERS) program.

HFIT-323 Issues in Women’s Health
001CB MTH 02:35PM 03:50PM Richardson, A
03.00

Provides basic understanding of gynecologic anatomy and physiology as well as female health conditions. Emphasis placed on current health research areas such as female cancers, menopause, infertility, lesbian health, minority health, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, and sexual dysfunctions. Students develop a personal health plan based upon an extensive family history and personal lifestyle. Usually offered every spring.
HISTORY

HIST-219 Women in America to 1850
001 TF 01:10PM 02:25PM Haulman, K 03.00

Traces the history of women in America from the sixteenth through the mid-nineteenth century, concentrating on the lived experiences of women as well as on the changing definitions, perceptions, and uses of gender. Particular attention is paid to race, ethnicity, and class, as well as to regional cultures. Additional themes include family, work, and religion. Usually offered alternate falls.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

SISU-260 Identity, Race, Gender & Culture 03.00
001 TF 01:10PM 02:25PM Persaud,R
002 F 08:55AM 11:35AM Erol,A
003 F 02:35PM 05:15PM Erol,A
(Prerequisite: SISU-105 and no more than 90 credit hours.)

Explores the complex and dynamic configuration of identity based on race, ethnicity, gender, nationalism, and religion as they relate to specific cultures, globalization, and social discourse. Usually offered every spring. May be taken A-F only.

SISU-638 Selected Topics in International Development Skills
Gender Analysis & Development $25
001 F 09:00AM 05:00PM Morris, P
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This course explores the concept of gender and its practical application to international development programs and policy. It covers a variety of analytical and planning tools as well as frameworks and methodologies developed and used by gender practitioners and activists worldwide. The course takes a broad approach to development, including strategies that address basic needs and those that promote rights and strengthen civil society.

SISU-648 Women and Development 001 M 05:30PM 08:00PM
Samarasinghe, V 03.00

Provides the student with a critical evaluation of the main theoretical structures of feminism as applied to an analysis of the multiple facets of women’s lives in the developing world. Explores the diverse socioeconomic, cultural, religious and political factors that affect women including the impact of development itself. Usually offered every fall.

SISA-362 Topics in Identity, Race, Gender and Culture: East Asia

001S Chinese Women's Studies 03.00

This course, offered as part of the AU Abroad Beijing, China program, covers major topics and issues about Chinese women. It introduces the change and continuity of women’s identity, sexuality,
marriage, and family of Chinese women throughout the twentieth century, paying special attention to the impacts of the revolution. Furthermore, the course discusses gender divisions of labor in rural and urban China and the experience of rural-to-urban women migrants in the reform era in order to capture (at least partially) the change and continuity of some Chinese women’s lives under the impacts (or lack of) of development, modernization, urbanization, and globalization. The course concludes with a discussion of issues about women’s bodies and violence against women.

**JUSTICE, LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY**

**JLC-535 Gender and the Law**  
**001 W 11:45AM 02:25PM Barron, C 03.00**

Gender and criminal, civil, and regulatory law. Criminal issues include sexual assault, prostitution, and the criminalization of pornography and sexual trafficking in women, and gender relations in the criminal justice system. Civil issues include marital and divorce laws and laws regarding reproduction. Other issues include sexual harassment and discrimination in housing, credit, insurance, employment, and education. Usually offered every fall.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSYC-480 Human Sexual Behavior**  
**001 W 02:35PM 05:15PM McCarthy,B 03.00**

Basic physiological knowledge, sex education, sexual myths, premarital and marital sexual behavior, homosexuality, pornography, etc. Emphasis on psychological aspects of sex and sexuality. Usually offered every fall.

**PSYCH-545 Psychology of Sex Similarities and Differences**  
**03.00**  
(Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor)

Examines the ways that the behavior of males and females are comparable by examining the psychological literature to understand what biological and social-cultural factors influence these behaviors. Considers what conclusions can be drawn from the existing data and what types of research should be done to further knowledge of gender issues. Usually offered alternate springs.

**SOCIOLOGY**

**SOCY-235 FA3 Gender in Transnational Perspective**  
**001 MTH 11:45AM 01:00PM Blankenship,K 03.00**

Focusing on Third World women and social change in different cultural contexts and in the global political-economic system, this course emphasizes the centrality of women in the rapidly changing world, particularly in terms of work, distributive justice, development policy, democratization, and the environment. Usually offered every spring.

**SOCY-375 Gender, Poverty and Health**  
**001 T 05:30PM 08:00PM Blankenship,K 03.00**

This course examines the interconnections among gender, poverty, and health from a global perspective,
including the Global South (low and middle income countries) as well as the United States. Emphasis is on understanding the social, as contrasted with the biomedical, dimensions of health. Usually offered every spring.

**SOCY-669 Gender, Sexuality & Migration**
001 W  05:30PM 08:00PM  
Vidal-Ortiz, S  03.00

This course is centered on the uses of gender and sexuality in studying migration patterns, immigration polices, and the personal meanings given to these by individuals. The class interrogates the use of gender and sexuality in studying (im)migration patterns and policies and unpacks the relationship between gender and sexuality by looking at various migrations, or movements, between the categories themselves, and also through specific cases of the relationship to citizenship and the state to that of (im)migration and racialization. Usually offered alternate falls.

**SPANISH**

**SPAN-355 Spanish Introductory Topics**
002 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America  TH 02:35PM 05:15PM  03.00

This course provides a critical approach to how gender and sexuality have been constructed, enacted, and represented in Latin America. It explores some of the key concepts of gender and queer theory, analyzing the various ways in which these discourses impact our physical and national bodies.