



## WOMEN'S STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAM SPRING 2012 COURSE OFFERINGS

*(Open only to students with Graduate standing)*

### **WOMEN AND SEXUALITY (WMST 538)**

001	TR	3:30PM-4:45PM	DAYI, A.	LA 3204
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This is an interdisciplinary course where we will examine how women's sexuality was theorized and practiced across time as well as how social institutions such as culture, family, school, government, religion, and media affect women's sexuality. We will explore topics such as the theories of women's sexuality across history, sexual identity, women's desire and sexual agency as teenagers, adults and old women, women's knowledge and communication on sex and sexuality, sexuality and women's bodies and sexuality of white and minority women in the U.S., and of women in other parts of the world. In doing these, we will use film, photographs, fiction, and theories and research from various disciplines such as women's studies, psychology, anthropology, sociology, and philosophy. (3 credits)

### **WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH (WMST 545)**

001	MWF	11:00AM-11:50AM	WANGARI, E.	LA 3204
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Examines the interrelationships between economic development, health, and the environment. Interdisciplinary focus on women's social and political collective activism. The course applies a critical analysis on local and global issues pertaining to environmental degradation, health and public policy. (3 credits)

### **TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES – GENDER AND EMOTIONS (WMST 570-001)**

001	TR	2:00PM-3:15PM	DUGGER, K.	LA 3204
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This course examines the intertwined nature of emotions and gender identity and explores the following issues: how do culturally shared beliefs about emotion define masculinity and femininity and in so doing produce and reproduce gender inequality; how do beliefs about emotions, including stereotypes, effect peoples' emotional feelings and behavior; are the subjectively experienced emotions of men and women similar or different; in what ways are the subjectively experienced emotions of women and men at odds with cultural dictates concerning how men and women should feel? The course will end with an inquiry into the basis of human happiness. (3 credits)

### **TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES – WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT (WMST 570-002)**

002	MW	2:00PM-3:15PM	WANGARI, E.	LA 3201
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This course uses a global perspective to examine and critique the dominant neo-classical model of economic development that assumes development is gender neutral. The course examines gender, class, race, and nationality bias, among other factors, in the distribution of resources. Further, the course traces various feminist debates that emerged in 1970's when Women and Development (WID) became a point of reference for feminist involvements with development. The course also evaluates the work done by the United Nations with reference to gender mainstreaming, millennium goals, and international women's conferences. Some of the objectives of the course are to introduce students to the concept of "development" verses economic growth; and that global economic structuring processes have not brought global gender equity. (3 credits)

### **APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS AND SKILLS I (WMST 609)**

101	M	6:00PM-8:40PM	RIO, C.	LA 3201
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This course surveys both quantitative and qualitative research methods. In particular, students will be introduced to various aspects of feminist based research design and application, including the completion of a research proposal. Prerequisite: 9 credits in Women's Studies and/or the social sciences and graduate standing. (3 credits)

### **WOMEN AND HEALTH (WMST 613)**

101	W	6:00PM-8:40PM	DAYI, A.	LA 3201
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An interdisciplinary study of women's health from a holistic perspective that builds on socioeconomic, political and biological aspects of women's health. Prerequisites: 9 units in women's and gender studies and/or the social sciences and graduate standing. (3 credits)

**FIELD EXPERIENCE (WMST 620) – Special Permit Only**

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Non-culminating field placement for students in organizations or agencies (including governmental) working on projects that serve women. Course includes a proposal, regular meetings with adviser, a journal and a final written report of the project. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6 units by student not electing the WMST 796 Internship option; site of placement may not be repeated. Prerequisites: Completion of a minimum of 9 units toward a master's in WMST and approval of the student's advisor and graduate program director. (3 credits)

**WOMEN IN CONSERVATIVE RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS (WMST 673)**

101	R	6:00PM-8:40PM	WILKINSON, K.	LA 3201
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Since the 1970s conservative and 'fundamentalist' religious movements have been on the rise, both world-wide and in the US. To the surprise of many who are engaged in the feminist struggle, women join and actively participate in these movements, which tend to support traditional, patriarchal structures. In this course, we will analyze women's participation in a diverse range of conservative religious movements in the past 40 years, including: Evangelical Christianity, contemporary Islamist movements, Orthodox Judaism, and Hindu Nationalism. Major theoretical concerns will include: the relationship of gender and 'modernity' in conservative religious movements, the attempt to look beyond 'false consciousness' as a motivation for women's participation in conservative religions, an examination of the failures of feminist values and ideology to attract large numbers of women, and the politics of secular feminist and humanist scholarship in dealing with conservative religious movements. (3 credits)

**WOMEN'S WAYS OF LEADING (WMST 675)**

102	T	6:00PM-8:40PM	MARINHO, R.	LA 4110
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The purpose of this course is to focus on distinct issues women must consider as they aspire and ascent to leadership positions in U.S. for-profit, not-for-profit and governmental organizations. It will provide an intellectual venue for the students to critically analyze the dynamics of leadership and power as they have evolved in Western civilization and as they relate to the current dynamics of power, consensus, authority, and structure within an organization. Additionally, the course will be a medium for the students to reflect upon their own experiences and assumptions on leadership as well as to develop more fully defined individual leadership skills and strategies that they may carry into practice. (3 credits)

**INDEPENDENT STUDY (WMST 695) – Special Permit Only**

TBA

Study and research including writing a research paper on a selected topic in women's studies. Prerequisites: 15 undergraduate or 9 graduate units in women's studies, graduate standing and consent of women's studies chair, graduate program director or adviser prior to registration. (3 credits)

**INTERNSHIP IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (WMST 796) – Special Permit Only**

TBA

Intensive hands-on experience in approved organization related to student's concentration. Written report required upon completion. Must be taken in two separate terms for a total of 6 units. Prerequisites: Minimum of 9 units completed in graduate program in women's studies and consent of student's graduate advisor. (3 credits)

**THESIS (WMST 897) – Special Permit Only**

TBA

Original research on a topic related to the student's concentration using acceptable research methods and design. May be based in extensive library, survey or field research. A thesis prospectus detailing the nature and scope of the investigation and the methods to be employed must be submitted and approved in advance to the student's adviser and the graduate director. Students will be required to do an oral presentation of their thesis in a meeting with their graduate adviser and one other WMST faculty. Prerequisites: Completion of a minimum of 21 units toward the M.S. in WMST and completion of WMST 609. (6 credits)

**THESIS (WMST 898) – Special Permit Only**

TBA

Same as WMST 897, taken over two consecutive terms (3, 3 credits)

**THESIS CONTINUUM (WMST 899) – Special Permit Only**

TBA

Continuation of thesis beyond the 6 units.

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