

Women's Studies

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The Hunter College Women's Studies Program is an interdisciplinary academic program that seeks to preserve, expand, and share knowledge about women and gender. The program reexamines the historical record to make visible women's contributions to the world's knowledge and cultures. It aims, through a focus on women's experiences, to open fresh perspectives throughout the curriculum. The Women's Studies Program seeks to create an understanding of the ways in which gender intersects with race, religion, class, ethnicity, ability, and sexual orientation to shape all human experience, including the pursuit of learning.

The Women's Studies Program includes a broad community of faculty, affiliated faculty, students, and staff and is administered by a director and a policy committee of elected faculty and student representatives. Most courses in the program are cross-listed in an academic department; these have been developed through the initiative of women's studies-affiliated faculty throughout the college. The Women's Studies Program draws on the commitment and expertise of feminist scholars in more than 15 academic departments for our wide range of course offerings.

The women's studies major is useful, directly and indirectly, in all fields involving an analysis of society and social interaction. Women's studies graduates may seek employment in any field, including such areas as health care, counseling, advertising, market research, publishing, teaching, public service, advocacy, or administrative work. The major is an appropriate preparation for professional schools and for postgraduate work in women's studies or in one of the many disciplines from which the major draws its curriculum.

General Education Requirement (GER) WOMST 190 may be used to fulfill Broad Exposure/Stage II, Group B; WOMST 201(W), 258(W), 269(W), and 319(W) may be used to fulfill Focused Exposure/Stage 3, Group A. WOMST 201(W) may be used to fulfill Focused Exposure/Stage 3, Group B. (*Note:* WOMST 201(W) may be used to fulfill either GER/3/A or B, but not both.)

Distribution Requirement See Appendix A for the Distribution Requirement, which was replaced by the General Education Requirement in fall 2001 and which may be binding on students who matriculated prior to fall 2001.

Honors In order to graduate with honors in women's studies, a student must have a 3.5 GPA in the women's studies major and a college-wide cumulative index of at least 3.0 and must enroll in WOMST 310 Research Seminar: Feminist Theory and Methodology. In addition, students must submit to the program a substantial paper of approximately 20 pages in length that reflects serious scholarship undertaken in the research seminar. Students whose GPAs are within the required range are urged to consult the program director before planning their senior-year programs of study, since the research seminar is generally offered only once per year. The research paper will be read by a faculty committee to judge whether it merits honors.

Major

The Women's Studies Program offers a 24-credit major, which is taken in addition to a traditional minor. The 24 required credits are distributed as follows:

1. 3 credits, WOMST 100 Introduction to Women's Studies
2. 3 credits, WOMST 201 Classics in Feminist Thought
3. 3 credits, Senior Seminar—either WOMST 310 Research Seminar: Feminist Theory and Methodology or WOMST 320 Internship Seminar: Feminist Activism and Advocacy. Students may opt to take both the research seminar and the internship seminar.
4. 15 credits from among the elective courses listed below. Majors must take at least one course in each subfield of the discipline (feminisms, gender and sexuality, and women in culture and society) and must complete at least one elective course at the 300 level or above. Independent study (WOMST 393 or 298) may be applied only once toward the major.

Minor Women's studies majors must select a 12-credit minor to be approved by the Women's Studies Program. It may involve courses from one or two departments.

A minor in women's studies consists of 12 credits. It is recommended that students who elect to minor in women's studies take WOMST 100 and 201 (or another course in the "Feminisms" list) plus 6 credits from among the courses listed on the following page.

Internships Majors may satisfy the senior seminar requirement by interning in organizations that relate to the needs or concerns of women, and by simultaneously enrolling in WOMST 320 Internship Seminar, where their internship experiences and assigned readings will be discussed. Majors may also take the research seminar at the same time. The internship option is available to minors as well as majors. Interested students should consult with the program director before registering for the internship seminar. Students who wish to undertake an independently arranged internship outside of the formal internship seminar may enroll in WOMST 298 with the permission of the program director.

Research Seminar Majors may satisfy the senior seminar requirement of the major by enrolling in the Research Seminar (WOMST 310), a capstone course in which they will apply feminist theory and methodology to a significant research project resulting in a substantial paper. Students who wish to qualify for honors in women's studies must enroll in the research seminar.

COURSE LISTINGS

Required Courses

WOMST 100 Introduction to Women's Studies 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Traditional definitions of women's nature in myth and symbol, media and popular culture, theories of gender in biology and psychology; women's role in family structures; women's relations to religion, education, health, work, and politics. Examples are cross-cultural, contemporary, and historical.

WOMST 201(W) Classics in Feminist Thought 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 120 or equiv; GER/3/A or B; PD/C. Study of feminist thought across a variety of historical periods and cultural contexts.

SENIOR SEMINAR 3 hrs, 3 cr.

Note: Students may take either WOMST 310 or 320 to satisfy the senior seminar requirement in the major; students may also opt to take both courses.

WOMST 310 Research Seminar: Feminist Theory and Methodology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: WOMST 100 and 201 and at least one other WOMST course at the 200 level or higher, and Jr/Sr status. Study of the theoretical models that feminist scholars create to guide their work and application of feminist methodology to a research project. To graduate with honors in Women's Studies, majors must enroll in this seminar.

WOMST 320 Internship Seminar: Feminist Activism and Advocacy 7-10 hrs, 3-4 cr. Prereq: WOMST 100 and 201 and at least one other WOMST course at the 200 level or higher, and Jr/Sr status. Practical experience in one of a variety of agencies and organizations related to the needs or concerns of women. Weekly seminar devoted to discussion of feminist activism and advocacy.

Elective Courses

Majors must take at least one course in each of the subfields listed below: feminisms, gender and sexuality, and women in culture and society. At least one elective must be at the 300 level. Independent study (WOMST 298 or 393) may be applied only once toward the major. The lists of courses are not exhaustive, since new courses are often added to the curriculum. Consult the *Schedule of Classes*.

I. Feminisms

WOMST 209 (POLSC 209) Women and Gender in Western Political Thought 3 hrs, 3 cr. Pre- or coreq: ENGL 120 or equiv; PD/C. Examines the history of political thought from the perspective of gender relations and the treatment of women.

WOMST 230 (PHILO 230) Feminism: Philosophical Theory and Practice 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 120 and one course in philosophy; PD/C. Analyses of feminist theories and their practical implications.

WOMST 309 (POLSC 309) Feminist Political Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Readings in feminist ideas, both historical and contemporary, on issues of power, justice, and equality. The course will emphasize different perspectives, including those of liberal, radical, postmodernist, women of color, third world, and "global" feminists.

WOMST 360 (SOC 360) Feminist Social Theory 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 or perm instr; PD/C. Feminist Social Theory introduces students to feminist theory developed by women from Western, Third World and other countries.

Additional Cross-Listed and Cognate Courses in Feminisms

PHILO 216 (WOMST 216) Women Philosophers of the Past; PD/C

II. Gender and Sexuality

WOMST 190 (PSYCH 190) Development of Gender Roles 3 hrs, 3 cr; GER/2/B; PD/C. Social, cognitive, hormonal, and personality factors in development of gender roles; determinants of behavioral and cognitive gender differences.

WOMST 257 (SOC 257) Sex and Gender Roles 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: SOC 101 or perm instr; PD/C. Sex role differentiation: femininity, masculinity, marriage, child rearing.

WOMST 301 (ANTHC 301) Sex and Gender in Anthropological Perspectives 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Human sexual dimorphism, males and females in contrasting societies; division of labor; socialization.

Additional Cross-Listed and Cognate Courses in Gender and Sexuality

ANTHC 320.76 (WOMST 300.53) Language, Sex and Gender

COMHE 324.00 Human Sexuality

POLSC 480.18 (WOMST 400.52) Politics of Gay and Lesbian Rights

POLSC 486.57 (WOMST 400.53) Body Politics: Sexuality and Reproduction

PSYCH 170 Psychology of Human Sexuality

III. Women in Culture and Society

WOMST 200 Topics in Women's Studies 3 hrs, 3 cr. Interdisciplinary courses such as Lesbian Texts; Contemporary African Women Writers; Women, Music, and World Culture; and African Women: Development and Politics. (Check with program for current offerings.)

WOMST 216 (PHILO 216) Women Philosophers of the Past 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: English 120 and one course in philosophy; PD/C. Study of the writings and ideas of selected women philosophers who lived and wrote before the contemporary feminist movement.

WOMST 219 (POLSC 219) Women and the Law 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Overview of how local, state, and federal laws treat people on basis of sex.

WOMST 235 (PSYCH 235) The Psychology of Women 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: 6 cr in PSYCH courses; PD/C. Psychological functioning of women; sexuality, pregnancy, social roles and status, aging, achievement, life styles, power.

WOMST 251 (HED 201) Women and Health 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Exploration of contemporary health issues of women; the development of modern medical practices and socialization of women.

WOMST 258(W) (ENGL 258(W)) Topics in Literature by Women 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 220; GER/3/A; PD/C. Selected works by women written in English will be studied with an emphasis on the diversity of women's lives and the effect of gender on experience. May be repeated once for credit with a different topic.

WOMST 260 (RUSS 260) Russian Women Writers in English Translation 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Studies the contributions of Russian women writers to Russian literature of the 19th and 20th centuries: A. Akhmatova, M. Tsve-taeva, A. Kollontai, N. Mandel'shtam, E. Ginsburg, L. Petrushevskaja, and others.

WOMST 261 (POLSC 218) Women and Politics 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. Constitutional and legal position of women, ERA, affirmative action, marriage, divorce, property, feminist causes.

WOMST 262 (POLSC 280) Women, War and Peace 3 hrs, 3 cr; PD/C. The course examines roles that women have played as subjects and objects in war and peace.

WOMST 269(W) (SPAN 269(W)) Spanish American Women's Literature and Cinema (conducted in English) 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 120; GER/3/A; PD/A or C. An interdisciplinary approach to contemporary women's literature and cinema from Spanish America focusing on gender issues.

WOMST 300/400 Topics in Women's Studies 3 hrs, 3 cr. Interdisciplinary courses such as Body Politics; Sexuality and Reproduction; Language, Sex, and Gender; Women in Higher Education; Asian-American Women; Globalizing Women; and Gender and Development. (Check with program for current offerings.)

WOMST 319(W) (ENGL 319(W)) Advanced Topics in Literature by Women 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 220; GER/3/A; PD/C. Selected works by women in relation to a special theme, technique, genre, theoretical issue, or cultural consideration. May be repeated once for credit with a different topic.

WOMST 337 (AFPR 337) Caribbean Women Writers 3 hrs, 3 cr. A study of some of the major preoccupations of Caribbean fiction, such as history, migration/travel, creolization, memory, and language, from the perspectives of selected women writers, paying close attention to the historical, intellectual, and cultural contexts that stimulated the production of these works.

WOMST 351 (NURS 351) Gender, Science, and Technology 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: ENGL 120 and at least one science course at the 100 level; PD/C. Explores the complex relationship between gender, science, and technology.

WOMST 384 (MEDIA 384) Women and Media 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: MEDIA 180 or perm instr; PD/C. Examination, from historical and formal perspective, of ways in which women have been represented by mass media in America since mid-19th century. Exploration of how feminists for 100 years have challenged these images and posed alternative modes of cultural representation and production.

WOMST 398 Community Leadership Seminar 3 hrs, 3 cr. Pre- or coreq: ENGL 120; perm dept and instr. *Note:* This course is not a substitute for WOMST 310 or 320. This course provides a historical introduction and a contemporary overview of social welfare policy, and leadership theory and practice, that is primarily aimed toward students with experience of poverty. It provides students with the theoretical knowledge and tools they need to serve as informed peer supporters, mentors, trainers, and agents of change on college campuses and in their communities.

WOMST 490 Leadership Field Work 3 hrs plus 60 hrs fieldwork, 4 cr. Prereq: WOMST 398. *Note:* This course is not a substitute for WOMST 310 or 320. Internship for students who have completed the Community Leadership seminar. Provides instruction and practical field experience to develop competency in a range of community organizing activities, building on the knowledge and skills developed in WOMST 398.

Additional Cross-Listed and Cognate Courses in Women in Culture and Society

AFPR 290.08 (WOMST 200.73) African Women: Development and Politics

AFPR 290.43 (WOMST 200.87) Latina Writing

AFPR 390.48 (WOMST 300.74) Caribbean Women Writers

AFPR 390.54 (WOMST 300.57) Puerto Rican and Other Hispanic Women

ANTH 214.51 (WOMST 200.02) Women and Reproduction in the Caribbean

ANTH 321.50 (WOMST 300.89) Family and Household in Anthropology and History

ANTH 321.51 (WOMST 300.88) Women and Development in the Caribbean

ANTH 325.60 (WOMST 300.19) Globalizing Women: Domestic and Factory Workers in the Global Economy

ANTH 400.54 (WOMST 400.63) Ethnicity, Gender, and Disease

ASIAN 220.01 (WOMST 200.86) Asian-American Women Writers

ASIAN 220.04 (WOMST 200.16) Arab-American Literature

ASIAN 241.00 (WOMST 200.19) Asian-American Family

ASIAN 330.08 (WOMST 200.18) Muslim Diaspora

ASIAN 331 (WOMST 300.03) Asian-American Women

CLA 305.00 (WOMST 300.82) Women and Slaves in Classical Antiquity

COMHE 400.55 (WOMST 400.04) Multidisciplinary South Bronx



ECO 345 (WOMST 300.80) Labor Economics: Women and Men in the Labor Force

EDUC 400.20 (WOMST 400.12) Women in Higher Education

ENGL 250.61 (WOMST 200.81) Multicultural Women's Writing

ENGL 250.67 (WOMST 200.74) Heroines

ENGL 250.80 (WOMST 200.68) Autobiographies of Black Women Literary Artists

ENGL 250.92 (WOMST 200.58) Black Women Writers

ENGL 251.67 (WOMST 200.03) Contemporary African Women Writers

ENGL 309.00 (WOMST 300.57) Writing Women's Lives

ENGL 319.51 (WOMST 300.52) Women, Language and Literature

ENGL 329.56 (WOMST 300.61) Migration and Immigration: U.S. Women Writers

ENGL 383.56 (WOMST 300.76) Renaissance English Literature by and about Women

ENGL 386.83 (WOMST 300.20) Writing the Wounded Body

ENGL 387.73 (WOMST 300.14) Independent Women: The Brontës

ENGL 390.97 (WOMST 300.75) Queer Volatility in Literature and Film

HIST 366 Role of Women in American History

ITAL 337 (WOMST 300.33) Italian Women Writers from the Middle Ages to the 18th Century, in translation

ITAL 338 (WOMST 300.22) 19th- and 20th-Century Italian Women Writers, in translation

MUSHL 261.76 (WOMST 200.67) Women and Music in World Culture

REL 311 Women and Religion

RUSS 156 (WOMST 200.85) Culture of Imperial Russia: Age of the Empresses

RUSS 256.12 (WOMST 200.13) Women in Russian Culture

SOC 201 (WOMST 200.06) Sociology of the Family

SOC 239 (WOMST 200.05) Child Welfare

SOC 325.27 (WOMST 300.10) Childhood in New York

SOC 325.48 (WOMST 300.32) Gender and Development

SOC 325.51 (WOMST 300.87) Women and Work

Independent Study

Note: Independent study (WOMST 298 or 393) may be applied only once toward the major.

WOMST 298 Internship 1-6 cr, hrs to be arranged. Prereq: perm program director.

WOMST 393 Independent Research 3 hrs, 3 cr. Prereq: perm program director. Independent research guided by a faculty member on a subject of student's choice in the field of women's studies.