

## WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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### THE MINOR/CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

#### Program Description:

The Minor/Certificate Program in Women's and Gender Studies brings together those courses offered by the University which focus upon questions of gender, giving students the opportunity to explore relationships among genders, through concentrated study across several diverse fields.

#### Program Objectives:

- 1) To provide students with a multi-disciplinary perspective regarding issues of gender (drawing upon such fields as English, Philosophy, Anthropology, Education, Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, Government, Health, and Communications).
- 2) To offer a minor for students who wish to enrich their major field of study through a study of gender roles.
- 3) To offer a certificate program for students to emphasize their concentrated study of these issues (for use in career or graduate school goals).

#### Program Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 15 credits in those courses deemed part of the program (listed below) are required to complete the minor and to obtain certification.
- 2) Philosophy 315- Philosophy of Feminism or equivalent is required of all students in the program.
- 3) Courses from three different departments must be represented in the minimum 15 credits.
- 4) Three courses must be taken from the program's core curriculum.
- 5) Two additional courses may be chosen from the program's core or elective curriculum (also listed below).
- 6) Students should work with the Director to complete the program.

### THE CURRICULUM IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Courses focus one-third to three-fourths of their material on Women/Gender issues:

The designation "MW" means that at least one-third of the course reading involves works by minority and women writers.

### ANTH 363. Anthropology of Women in Latin America (3-3-0)

*Prerequisite:* junior standing and SOCL 201G, 205G or ANTH 203G, or consent of the department.

This course reviews the changing roles of women in Latin America from pre-Colombian times to the present. Readings, lectures, and films will show differences in class, race, legal traditions, and regional culture to account for the various ways women have participated in Latin American societies.

### COMM 330. Gender Communication (3-3-0)

*Prerequisite:* COMM 201, 249, 250 junior standing.

This course includes both theory and practice. Subjects include images and self-perceptions of men and women, self-disclosure, language uses of the sexes, interpersonal attraction, nonverbal codes, intimate and public contexts.

### ENGL 320W. Studies in Women and Literature-WI (3-3-0) (MW)

*Prerequisites:* ENGL 101-102 or 123 effective fall 04-spring 06.

Students will analyze the influence of gender on literary texts by and about women. The focus will vary from semester to semester and may include historical surveys, major authors, genres and special topics including motherhood; marriage and the family; sexuality; the nature of work; religion and spirituality and literary theory on women and gender. Satisfies Writing Intensive Requirement.

### ENGL 412. Multicultural Literature (3-3-0) (MW)

*Prerequisite:* ENGL 308.

*Fall.*

Study of writers who have added their voices to Multicultural American literature. Analysis of the works by writers such as Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Amy Tan, Louise Erdrich, and others will illuminate the influence of race, class, gender, and ethnicity upon the writer's sense of self, family, and community.

### ENGL 425. Cultural Studies in World Literature (3-3-0)

*Prerequisite:* ENGL 308.

Intensive study of literature in the context of the culture that produced it. Topics may include the effects of religion, race, gender, religion, ethnicity, and class. Selections from the following regions: Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, United States, and Western Europe.

### PHIL 315. Feminist Philosophy (3-3-0)

*Prerequisite:* junior standing or consent of instructor.

*Offered at least once every three years.*

Course will focus upon recent literature in the philosophy of Feminism. Feminist critiques of knowledge, metaphysics, history, morality, philosophical anthropology, and so-

cial institutions will be examined and discussed. Course will deal with such topics as ideals of masculinity and femininity, feminine and masculine paradigms, the social construction of reality, human nature, reason, sex and gender, ego and self, autonomy, caring and maternal thinking, the implications of feminist thought for concepts of language, authorship, literature, and the feminist claims concerning the epistemological role of theory, practice and experience. The philosophy of non-Western cultures will be considered in the light of the feminist critique.

**PHIL 319. Philosophy of Love and Sexuality (3-3-0)**

*Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of instructor.*

*Offered at least once every three years.*

This course will trace the development of the concept of Eros (sexual love, desire) through selected readings from the Western philosophical tradition. Topics to be covered include the attainability of "true love," the ethical imperatives of faithfulness and monogamy, the roles of masculinity and femininity, and the categorization of "normal" and "abnormal" sexual behavior. This course will focus upon several issues: 1) why the question of Eros is fundamentally a question of human existence; 2) why certain sexual values have become privileged in our culture; and 3) if these values are conducive to living a good life. Authors to be studied include Plato, Augustine, Freud, Jung, Kristeva, Sartre, deBeauvoir, and Merleau-Ponty.

**PSYC 420. Human Sexuality (3-3-0)**

*Prerequisite: PSYC 201-202 or PSYC 210, 211.*

Biological, psychological, and social aspects of human sexual behavior throughout the life span.

**SOCL 303. Marriage and the Family (3-3-0)**

*Prerequisite: six hours of sociology, psychology or anthropology, or junior standing or consent of department.*

*Fall and Spring.*

Analysis of the United States' family system in historical and cross-cultural perspective. Relationship of the family to other social systems and to social change. Variations in the United States' family by social class, race, ethnicity, and family structure. Effects of changing gender roles on marriage and the family.

**SOCL 307W. Divorce in the United States Society-WI (3-3-0)**

*Prerequisite: ENGL 101-102 or 123 effective fall 04-spring 06, or junior standing or consent of department.*

A study of the factors associated with divorce in the U.S. (historical, societal, demographic, and personal); the emotional, legal and financial divorce processes; the effects of divorce on individuals; the adjustment process; and assistance to person who are experiencing divorce will be emphasized. Reference sources are primarily current research articles in the field. Satisfies Writing Intensive requirement.

**SOCL 395. Family in Cross-Cultural Perspectives (credits vary)**

*Prerequisite: SOCL 201G and junior standing.*

**ANTH 377. Women, Gender, and Culture (3-3-0)**

**[Same as SOCL 377]**

*Prerequisite: ANTH 203G or SOCL 201G or SOCL 205G and junior standing or consent of the department.*

This course introduces the socio-cultural construction of gender within a globalizing economic and political environment. A variety of feminist perspectives will be studied to illustrate the diversities of women's, experiences that shape their knowledge and behavior. Recurrent themes in women's studies, women's movements, and women's lives will be examined, as will be the processes through which the voices of women in dominant countries, classes and cultures have been heard over those of women of lesser privilege.

**SOWK 395. Feminist Social Work (credits vary)**

*Prerequisite: SOWK 260, junior standing or consent of department.*

**Elective Curriculum:**

Courses focus one-half to two-thirds of their material on Women/Gender issues:

ENGL 314W. Children's Literature

ENGL 315. Adolescent Literature

GOVT 375. Employment Law

PHIL 383. Applied Social Ethics

PHIL 386. Values and Postmodernity

PSYC 308. Child Psychology

PSYC 309. Psychology of Adolescence

PSYC 340. Psychology of Adulthood and Aging

SOCL 361. Culture and Human Population

SOWK 369. Child and Family Welfare

SOWK 406W. Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Special Topics courses will also be developed for this minor. See Professor Rosenberg if you would like to have another course considered for the minor.