GENDER, WOMEN’S, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (GWSS)

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 101
Introduction to Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies
This course examines feminist and queer roles, experiences, and achievements. This course is a transdisciplinary introduction to the field of gender, women's, and sexuality studies distilled from traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, archival sciences, and more. Students will investigate, research, learn about and discuss various historical events in feminist, queer, and additionally social justice-centered history, theories, and practices to apply their knowledge and critical inquiry to current events. Writing assignments as appropriate to the discipline, totaling at least 2500 words, is required.
Eligibility for ENGLISH 101 based on prior coursework or appropriate score on Placement Test; or Consent of Department Chair
3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, HW, KK, MX, WR
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 102
Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Diversity
This course examines identity, representation, and power dynamics of gender and sexuality. This course is a transdisciplinary introduction to the construction and regulation of gender and sexuality throughout history in a variety of feminist and queer contexts established and emerging—distilled from traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 103
Introduction to Social Justice
Using feminist and queer lenses, this course is an introduction to principles and theories of social justice. This course is a transdisciplinary study of social justice histories, counterstories, theories, and practices anchored to social and political explorations from grassroots organizing to traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
GE: Social & Behavioral Sciences HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 201
Abolitionist Feminism
This course examines feminist and queer abolitionist movements and forms of changemaking and meditation. This course is a transdisciplinary study into feminist histories, theories, and practices anchored to frameworks, political quandaries, and genealogies of abolition and justice-involved legal and enforcement systems distilled from grassroots organizing as well as traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields. In turn, students will learn how to apply their knowledge and critical inquiry to current events as well as explore abolitionist meditations as ways of knowing and being through practices of care and concern. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 202
Abolitionist Feminism through Liberative Expressive Arts and Research
This course centers justice-involved people's voices in various feminist and queer forms of creativity and research as a basis for discovery, change, and healing. This course is a transdisciplinary study into feminist histories, theories, and practices anchored to frameworks, political quandaries, and genealogies of abolition and justice-involved legal and enforcement systems distilled from grassroots organizing as well as traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields. In turn, students will develop an understanding of life-affirming and freedom-centered expressive arts and research through practices of care and concern. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 203
Feminist and Queer Artivisms for Social Change
This course examines how feminist and queer creative interventions can influence social change. This course is a transdisciplinary study into feminist and queer histories, theories, and practices anchored to frameworks and political quandaries of artivism mitigating creativity and culture for social change. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course
Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 204
Pleasure Activism, Body Politics, and Translating Sexualities
This course examines feminist and queer theories of pleasure, body, and sexuality activism. This course is a transdisciplinary study into feminist and queer theories that rethink the limits of activism through the politics of pleasure, body, sexuality, and decolonization. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
Eligibility for ENGLISH 101 based on prior coursework or appropriate score on Placement Test; or Consent of Department Chair
3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 210
Ecofeminism
This course examines feminist and queer concepts and movements related to gender, environment, and social justice. This course is a transdisciplinary study into ecofeminist histories, theories, and practices anchored to environmentalist politics and intellect critique distilled from traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields in the natural sciences, social sciences, and archival sciences among others. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
Eligibility for ENGLISH 101 based on prior coursework or appropriate score on Placement Test; or Consent of Department Chair
3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 220
Queer Theory
This course examines queer identity, politics, and new forms of knowledge, cultural practices, and activism. This course is a transdisciplinary study into challenging norms that reproduce privilege and oppression, which at times exist in conjunction with gender and sexuality-based social constructions and regulations that maintain social hierarchies. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course

Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) 222
Queer Feminist Ethno-STEM Theory
This course examines feminist and queer principles in STEM fields. This course is a transdisciplinary study into feminist and queer histories, theories, and practices anchored to transnational, trans-species, and intersectional frameworks distilled from traditional, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary fields. Queer feminist technosciences, ludology (the study of various forms of play), and the relationship between culture and math are foregrounded in this course. Writing assignments, as appropriate to the discipline, are part of the course.
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3 Lecture hours. 3 Credit Hours.
Offered At: DA, MX
HD Course