



WOMEN'S STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAM FALL 2008 COURSE OFFERINGS

(Open only to students with Graduate standing)

WOMEN AND SEXUALITY (WMST 538)

101 M 6:00PM-8:40PM DAYI, A. LI 307

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. (UG&G) (3 credits)

REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE FUTURE OF MOTHERHOOD (WMST 539)

001 MW 11:00AM-12:15PM DAYI, A. LI 116
002 MW 2:00PM-3:15PM DAYI, A. LI 215

This course will explore the ethical controversies, legal impact and health concerns raised by old and new reproductive technologies and innovations in reproductive medicine --such as emergency contraception, RU-486, in vitro fertilization, surrogacy, fetal imaging, epidurals and cesareans by choice. It will also examine how cultural meanings of motherhood shape and are shaped by these technologies. Prerequisite: one Women's Studies course or consent of instructor. Gen.Ed. II A. (UG&G)(3 credits)

TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES: B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES (WMST 570)

001 TR 12:30PM-1:45PM RIO, C. LI 116

In this course, we will analyze the several significant political, economic and cultural issues facing Baltimore and other urban communities. The central focus of this course will be on poverty, discrimination, economic development, and the criminal justice system—with special attention paid to gender, race, class, and youth activism (UG&G) (3 credits).

THE DIVERSITY OF WOMEN (WMST 603)

101 W 6:00PM-8:40PM BARDWELL- JONES, C. LI 115

Examination of feminist scholarship on race, class, gender and sexualities, particularly with regard to the distribution of power within a variety of institutions. Prerequisites: 9 units in Women's Studies and/or the social sciences and graduate standing. (G)(3 credits)

WOMEN IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT (WMST 605)

101 R 6:00PM-8:40PM WANGARI, E. LI 116

Examination of the diverse experiences of women in a variety of national and international contexts. Particular attention will be devoted to how global forces impact women's lives today and the diverse ways that women struggle against inequality.

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

TBA

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 credits by students not electing the 796 Internship option; site of placement may not be repeated. Prerequisites: Women's Studies graduate students only; 3 credit hours maximum for those enrolling in WMST 796 as their culminating project. (G)(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 credits in women's studies; graduate standing and consent of women's studies prior to registration. (G)(3 credits)

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

TBA

Intensive, hands-on experience in approved organization related to students' concentration. Written report required upon completion. Must be taken in 2 separate semesters, for total of 6 credits. Prerequisites: Minimum of 9 hours completed in graduate program in Women's Studies and consent of graduate advisor. (G)(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 on 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 to the student's adviser and the graduate director and approved in advance. Students will be required to do an oral presentation of their thesis in a meeting with their graduate adviser and one other Women's Studies faculty. Must be taken in two separate semesters for a total of 6 credits. Prerequisites: Completion of a minimum of 21 credit hours toward the M.S. in Women's Studies and completion of WMST 609. (G)(3 credits)

THESIS (WMST 898) – *Special Permit Only*

TBA

The previous course, WMST 897, taken over two consecutive semesters.

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

TBA

Continuation of thesis beyond the 6 credits.