Course Descriptions (GWST)

101 Introduction to Gender Studies. (4)
This course introduces students to a broad range of concepts and issues in the discipline of gender studies. It also serves as a practical and theoretical foundation for further courses in the Gender and Women’s Studies program. It uses gender as an analytical method and explores how race, class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation influence the construction of gender identity. Although containing these common elements, this course’s main focus will vary according to the particular instructor’s design. Please refer to each semester’s course title and description for more specific information.

270/370 Readings in Gender Studies. (0-1)
Readings and discussions in specific areas of gender studies. Topics may be tied to on-campus lectures/presentations given by invited speakers. Approval of the director and/or faculty moderator required. This course can be repeated once for credit with the permission of the director. S-U grading only.

271 Individualized Learning Project. (1-4)
Supervised reading or research at the lower-division level. Permission of program director required.

290 Special Topics. (4)
A sustained interdisciplinary analysis of selected topics in Gender and Women’s Studies at the intermediate level. Topics will vary each year.

360 Topics in Gender and Women’s Studies. (4)
A sustained interdisciplinary analysis of selected topics in Gender and Women’s Studies at the upper division level. Topics will vary each year.

371 Individualized Learning Project. (1-4)
Supervised reading or research at the upper-division level. Permission of program director required. Not available to first-year students.

380 Approaches to Gender Theory. (4)
This course is offered once per year in cooperation with, for example, the English, Philosophy, or Political Science departments. It builds on and further develops the understanding of gender studies introduced in GWST 101 by critically examining theoretical approaches to gender studies
and analyzing key issues and disputes within the field. This course develops a framework that allows students to identify and examine the relations among the diverse theoretical approaches to gender studies encountered in GWST courses and within the discipline of gender studies. As the theory course for the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at CSB/SJU, this course includes aspects of feminist theory, gender theory, GLBT/queer theory, and men’s studies.

381 Sex and Gender in Global Perspectives. (4)
Examines issues of sex and gender from cross-cultural perspectives. Themes vary but may include: international sex trade, global women's movements, gender and economic development, GLBT human rights movements, health and environmental issues, or cross-cultural conceptions of masculinity. Course will vary according to the particular instructor's design. Prerequisite: GWST 101 for GWST majors.

385 Senior Capstone in Gender and Women's Studies. (4)
Examines the ethical implications of sex and gender in a specific context, such as contemporary social issues, historical movements, aesthetics, theoretical constructs, or sex and gender in the biological-physical world. Students will apply their GWST coursework and experiential learning to examine their personal and intellectual lives, their sense of vocation, and their roles as responsible citizens. Prerequisites: GWST 101 and 380 or permission of instructor.

397 Internship. (1-4)
Practical on- or off-campus experience in gender-related work with a strong academic component. Individually arranged by the student with the approval of the college’s director of internships, a faculty moderator, and the GWST program director. Prerequisites: fourth semester standing in GWST Program; GWST 101 and at least one other 200- or 300-level GWST course. See program director for further information.