

GWST S'10 Course Offerings

GWST 101—INTRO TO GWST (4)

Instructor: A. Mercedes

Days 1,3,5 (11:20-12:30pm) MAIN 320

All sections of GWST 101 introduce students to a broad range of concepts and issues in the discipline of gender studies. GWST 101 also serves as a practical and theoretical foundation for further courses in the Gender and Women's Studies program. It uses gender as analytical method and explores how race, class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation influence the construction of gender identity. More specifically, this section of GWST 101 takes the prevalence of gender-based violence, particularly in the forms of violence against women and of hate crimes against gay and lesbian persons, as the impetus for study of cultural conceptions of masculinity and femininity, informed by sources from several academic disciplines.

GWST290A—MEN'S STUDIES RESEARCH (4)

Instructor: Garr Kellom

To be arranged with instructor

In addition to Men's Studies content and research methodology, students participate in three ongoing research projects in the SJU Men's Center; a small groups social norms study of masculinity, a social norms spirituality project, and an international men's stories project. Additional projects may be developed. Class time arranged with those enrolled.

GWST 270/370—READING IN GENDER STUDIES (1)

Instructors: Shane Miller & Anna Mercedes

To be arranged with instructor

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. This year the Gender and Women's Studies program has been exploring the issue of empowerment, sex and sexuality through reading groups. THIS SEMESTER our discussion will continue with Ariel Levy's book *Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture*. It argues that women and girls who are too enthusiastic about embracing their sexuality ("skankiness") are in fact not empowering anything but reinforcing the normal demeaning attitudes about women. Please contact Shane Miller (samiller@csbsju.edu) to sign up. *Books are free for this reading (thanks to the support of the College of St. Benedict Student Development Office) to the first twenty students and faculty, and additional copies are available through the library and the Institute for Women's Leadership.

Additional reading group: A second reading group is planned for Spring '10 on these themes. Please contact Anna Mercedes (amercedes@csbsju.edu) for details.

GWST 380/POLS 314—GENDER THEORY (4)

Instructor: S. Johnson

Days 1,3,5 (2:40-3:50pm) Simons G40

In this course we will begin to examine the many varieties of feminist political theory. We shall examine liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, radical feminism and socialist feminism. We shall look at how feminism has treated minorities of color and sexual preference. We shall seek to understand the relationship between feminist theory and political theory as well as both fields relationships to the study of gender. This course satisfies the theory requirement for the Gender and Women's Studies Minor. For GWST Minors, GWST 101 is a prerequisite. For all other students, POLS 221 is highly recommended. I think those who have had some prior work in theory will see more clearly where feminist ideas come from and to what these ideas are a response. For those who have never taken a class in political theory, I hope you enjoy the experience enough to take many more courses in this field, but please don't worry: The course materials will present you with everything you need to know if you work diligently through them.

GWST 381—GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES (4)

Instructor: C. Hennessy

Days 2,4,6 (11:20-12:30pm) HAB 107

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.

GWST 385—SENIOR CAPSTONE* (4)

Instructor: J. Keller

Days 1,3,5 (2:40-3:50pm) HAB 119

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. **Taught as ETHICS 390: Feminist Ethics.*

Summer '10

**GWST 180—Gender & Culture (GD)
2 cr, Experiential Component**