

GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (GSS)

GSS 101-7 College Seminar (1 Unit) Small, writing and discussion-oriented course exploring a specific topic or theme, and introducing skills necessary to thriving at Northwestern. Not eligible to be applied towards a WCAS major or minor except where specifically indicated.

GSS 101-8 First-Year Writing Seminar (1 Unit) Small, writing and discussion-oriented course exploring a specific topic or theme, and focused on the fundamentals of effective, college-level written communication. Not eligible to be applied towards a WCAS major or minor except where specifically indicated.

GSS 220-0 Sexual Subjects: Introduction to Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Survey of sexuality studies across a range of disciplines. Introduction to major theoretical and methodological approaches. Epistemology, morphology, history, subjectivity/identity, race formation, gender, social organization, and regulation.

GSS 221-0 Beyond Porn: Sexuality, Health and Pleasure (1 Unit) This lecture course goes beyond how sex and pleasure are depicted in pornography and popular culture, to equip students with information leading to more satisfying and healthy sexual experiences across their lifespan, regardless of how they identify, or who or what they like. The course familiarizes students with a wide spectrum of human identities, practices, and attitudes towards sex and sexuality. GBL_HLTH 221-0 and GSS 221-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both. *Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 223-0 Masculinities and Society (1 Unit) Introduction to the foundational theory and research in the field of masculinities studies. How is masculinity constructed through interactions with institutions, individuals, and social structure? GSS 223-0 and SOCIOL 223-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both. *Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 230-0 Traditions in Feminist Thought (1 Unit) Introduction to milestone texts in European and American feminist thought, with particular attention to emerging arguments and strategies around issues of gender and sexuality. *Historical Studies Foundational Discipline U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 231-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Representation (1 Unit) Representations in art and literature within their historical, social, and political contexts. Theories of spectatorship, resistance, and revision.

GSS 232-0 Sexuality and Society (1 Unit) Examination of the role of sexuality in the cultural, economic, political, and social organization of the United States. Sex work, sex tourism, sexual migration, LGBT social movements, and moral panics. SOCIOL 232-0 and GSS 232-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses.

GSS 233-0 Gender, Politics, and Philosophy (1 Unit) Role of gender difference in the main political-philosophical traditions: social contract, liberalism, republicanism, socialism-Marxism, critical theory. Classics of feminist and political thought (Wollstonecraft, Mill, Taylor, Engels) and contemporary debates. PHIL 221-0 and GSS 233-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Ethical and Evaluative Thinking Foundational Disci Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 234-0 Language & Gender (1 Unit) Exploration of socially significant differences in the language used by/about/to men and women, focusing on the role of language in constructing gender as part

of local communities of practice. LING 223-0 and GSS 234-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses.

GSS 235-0 Beyond the Binary (1 Unit) Exploration of transgender history, identity, and expression, with a focus on the intersection of gender and race. *U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 240-0 Introduction to Queer and Trans Studies (1 Unit) This course introduces students to research and concepts in queer and/or trans studies, two interdisciplinary fields that draw on work in politics, philosophy, sociology, history, and literary studies, for example. Students will examine the connections between the creation and enforcement of normative sociocultural paradigms and multiple systems of domination, particularly in the United States. *Ethical and Evaluative Thinking Foundational Disci U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 250-0 Gender Issues in Science and Health (1 Unit) Aspects of gender in the cultures of science and medicine.

GSS 250-PP Gender Issues in Science and Health (1 Unit) Aspects of gender in the cultures of science and medicine.

GSS 260-0 Critical Fat Studies (1 Unit) Explorations of the construction the body through gender, race, class, size, sexuality, ability and/or culture. Emphasis on science, health and/or medicine through the lens of cultural studies. *Ethical and Evaluative Thinking Foundational Disci U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 270-0 Gender, Sexuality, & Indigeneity (1 Unit) This course explores the expression and experience of gender from the perspective of Indigenous authors, activists, knowledges, and community members. We will first explore relevant scholarly approaches to gender to then turn to primary materials that may include novels, videos, poetry, social media posts, or other primary material. Course is framed by discussions on Indigenous methodologies and pertinent sociohistorical considerations. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 321-0 Gender, Sexuality, and History (1 Unit) Historical considerations of gender and/or sexuality. Topics may cover different historical time periods. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Historical Studies Foundational Discipline*

GSS 324-0 US Gay and Lesbian History (1 Unit) Gender, sexuality, and the rise of modern lesbian and gay identities. HISTORY 324-0 and GSS 324-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Historical Studies Foundational Discipline U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 327-0 Language & Sexuality (1 Unit) The use of language to construct sexual identity/orientation, focusing on the language of and about members of the LGBTQ+ communities. Topics include heteronormativity, identity labels and categories, gender vs. sex vs. sexuality, and cross-cultural sexual diversity. Taught with GSS_327-0; may not receive credit for both courses. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GSS 331-0 Sociology of Gender and Sexuality (1 Unit) Examination of gender and sexuality issues integral to social reproduction and social change. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

GSS 332-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Health (1 Unit) Health-related topics concerning gender and/or sexuality. Topics include reproductive health, sexual health, HIV/AIDS, women's health movements, trans* health and activism and disability studies. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl*

GSS 340-0 Gender, Sexuality, and the Law (1 Unit) Examination of the changing role of law in governing gender and sexual relations in America. Legal definitions of gender and sexuality in the household, the marketplace, and the state. GSS 340-0 and LEGAL_ST 340-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses. *Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Discipl U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 341-0 Transnational Perspectives on Gender and Sexuality (1 Unit) Studies of gender and sexuality in relation to globalization or non-US/ non-Western cultures. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Global Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 350-3 Research Seminar in Gender & Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Students research and complete a research paper or project on a topic of choice. Course number indicates distribution area in which a seminar counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

GSS 350-4 Research Seminar in Gender & Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Students research and complete a research paper or project on a topic of choice. Course number indicates distribution area in which a seminar counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

GSS 350-6 Research Seminar in Gender & Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Students research and complete a research paper or project on a topic of choice. Course number indicates distribution area in which a seminar counts. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

GSS 351-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Public Policy (1 Unit) Studies of legal systems and public policy. Specific topics may include domestic violence and abortion legislation. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 352-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Political Theory (1 Unit) Studies in political theory relating to gender and sexuality. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 353-0 Gender and Citizenship (1 Unit) Examinations of political participation and counter-public spheres informed by feminist activism and feminist and gender theory.

GSS 354-0 Critical Trans Studies (1 Unit) In this seminar class, we will analyze gender not simply as an aspect of individual identity, but also as a social system that regulates expansive possibilities of gender identity and expression. We will explore issues such as knowledge production and trans epistemologies, in/visibility and legibility, bodily autonomy and medical gatekeeping, gender surveillance, and the ethics of research. Prerequisites: GSS 210, GSS 235, or Permission of Instructor. *Ethical and Evaluative Thinking Foundational Disci U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 361-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Literature (1 Unit) Studies of literary texts in the context of gender theory, feminism, or sexuality studies. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Advanced Expression Literature and Arts Foundational Discipline*

GSS 362-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Drama (1 Unit) Studies in gender and/or sexuality in the context of theater and drama in or across historical periods. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 363-0 Postcolonial Studies and Gender and Sexuality (1 Unit) Postcolonial approaches to gender and sexuality studies, including orientalism and diaspora theory. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 371-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture (1 Unit) Cultural studies perspective on selected topics in popular culture as they relate to

gender and/or sexuality. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 372-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Performance (1 Unit) Selected topics concerning theories of performance in relation to gender and/or sexuality. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 373-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Film (1 Unit) Representations of gender and sexuality in film and film theory. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 374-0 Gender, Sexuality, and Digital Technologies (1 Unit) Theories concerning gender and sexuality in digital representations, particularly Internet related. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics. *Ethical and Evaluative Thinking Foundational Disci*

GSS 375-0 Internship in Gender and Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Field research and practical work experience in activist organizations; biweekly meeting with the instructor and other interns for discussion of internship experiences and common readings. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GSS 380-0 Black Feminist Theory (1 Unit) Survey of black feminist theories. Content may vary by quarter. Fulfills the major's theory requirement.

GSS 381-0 Queer Theory (1 Unit) Survey of queer theories and methodologies. Fulfills the major's theory requirement. Content varies by quarter. *Advanced Expression U.S. Perspectives on Power, Justice, and Equity*

GSS 381-PP Queer Theory (1 Unit) Survey of queer theories and methodologies. Content varies by quarter.

GSS 382-0 Race, Gender, and Sexuality (1 Unit) Literature and/or theory concerned primarily with the intersections of race and/or ethnicity and gender and sexuality. Content varies by quarter; may be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 390-0 Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Topics vary. For example: masculinity; gender, race, and reproduction; gender, law, and public policy; Asian American women's history; women artists and their publics. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 390-CN Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (1 Unit) Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

GSS 396-0 Senior Capstone Seminar (1 Unit) Introduction to research methods in the interdisciplinary study of gender and sexuality. *Advanced Expression*

GSS 397-0 Feminist Theory (1 Unit) Survey of gender and feminist theories. Content may vary by quarter. Fulfills the major's theory requirement.

GSS 398-0 Senior Research Seminar (1 Unit) Students work with an adviser and begin research on a senior thesis project, meeting on a reduced schedule over two quarters. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GSS 399-0 Independent Study (1 Unit) Individual tutorials or research projects. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

GSS 401-0 Graduate Colloquium (0.5-1 Unit) Graduate colloquium dedicated to the discussion of recent published work in gender and sexuality studies and of graduate student work in progress. This two-course colloquium will meet five times per quarter, for two quarters. Students will receive credit at the end of the school year.

GSS 405-0 Advanced Feminist Theory (1 Unit) Survey of foundational feminist texts, and an exploration of the relationship between feminist theory and feminist practice, both within the academy and in the realm of politics.

GSS 490-0 Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topics.

GSS 499-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)

Individual tutorials or research projects.

Prerequisite: consent of instructor.