



WOMEN, GENDER
& SEXUALITY STUDIES

Fall 2024 Course Descriptions

GNDR 2110.001 – Introduction to Women Gender & Sexuality Studies

Offered:

Instructor: Staff

Description Forthcoming.

GNDR 2110.002 – Introduction to Women Gender & Sexuality Studies

Offered: Full Semester Online

Instructor: Staff

Description Forthcoming.

GNDR 2669.001 – T: Intro to Gender, Sex & Empire

Offered: Full Semester, TR 11:00-12:15pm

Instructor: Daisy Atterbury, daisvatterbury@unm.edu

This course will historicize ways in which US imperialism has interacted with notions of gender and sexuality throughout the centuries, providing a genealogical analysis of gender and sexuality as those structures have been lived and understood in Western culture over the last couple of centuries. Together, we'll discuss theories of the intersectionality of identities and think about the relationships between sex, gender, sexuality, race, class, and nation. To interrogate the norms of whiteness, heterosexuality, middle-class, and U.S. nation state (particularly reigning discourses of citizenship, rights, and democracy) we'll look at postcolonial, racial, class, and LGBTQIA+ writing and analysis. This course will provide a strong foundation for the pursuit of studies in feminist, queer, critical race, and postcolonial theories.

WGSS 304.001 – Feminist Theories

Offered: Full Semester, MWF 2:00-2:50pm

Instructor: Summer Abbott, babbott@unm.edu

This course explores the origins of feminist theories, assesses their ongoing cultural & political impacts, & develops understanding of feminist theories as tools of social transformation. Through examination of a variety of feminist theories—liberal, Freudian, radical, queer, postcolonial, Marxist, postmodern, transnational, ecofeminist, women-of-color, & transfeminist lenses—we'll build critical skills to interrogate formations of power based on gendered social relations.

We'll ask how feminist scholars, thinkers, & activists have organized their projects to address oppression based on gender, ability, race, & class. By looking at how feminist theories have evolved & the influence they continue to have in debates about art, personhood, struggles for equal pay and equal rights, marital arrangements, reproductive health, & reproductive justice, we'll uncover feminism's profound & enduring role in social change.

WGSS 325.001 -Race Class & Feminism

Offered: Full Semester, TR 2:00-3:15pm

Instructor: Eva Hayward, ehayward@unm.edu

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WGSS 336.002 – Queer Theories

Offered: Full Semester, TR 2:00-3:15pm

Instructors: Daisy Atterbury, daisyatterbury@unm.edu

The class will examine early foundations of queer theory and move into exploring queer of color, queer migration, queer diaspora, post-colonial queer and trans studies scholarship. We will familiarize ourselves with the core texts and key debates that have shaped queer theory and trace the expansion of the term “queer” from its early contestation with LGBTQIA+ identities and politics to its current use as a broad framework that designates non-normative modes of knowledge, cultural practices, and political activism. Central to our investigation are the intersections between queer theory, feminism and critical race theory. Weaving analyses of foundational queer and feminist texts, we will explore an expansive and radical contemporary queer politics. This class will ultimately engage theory by means of a rich philosophical and political interrogation of the meaning and content of “queer.”

WGSS 379.001 – T: Women, Medicine & Health

Offered: Full Semester Online

Instructors: Arianna Trott, arianna8@unm.edu and Justina Trott, jtrott@unm.edu

Ever wonder how one-size-fits-all clothing could actually work for someone 5' tall weighing 100 lbs., 5'5" tall at 185 lbs. and someone 6'4" tall weighing 160 lbs.? Well, the same question can be asked of medicine and the health care system. The answer is simple: It doesn't!

This course will trace the history of women's health and explore how both sex (genetics) and gender (social determinants of health) affect health. Although this course explores the intersection of sex and gender in any individual, it will mostly focus on examples of female biology (individuals with XX chromosomes) raised with assigned gender roles as girls/women. Using examples of sex and gender differences in health care - in prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment students will discuss the implications of sex and gender for health, health care policy, programs, services, products, practice and research, as well as education. Readings, videos and discussions will focus on the paradigm of thinking that has led to current women's health care practices, and a new paradigm of thinking that can lead to a deeper understanding of women's health and improve health care for everyone.

Objectives:

1. By the end of the course, you will be able to describe the difference between the biologic (sex), social determinants of health (gender), and their complex interactions.
2. You will analyze research, policy, programs, products, and services using a sex/gender/diversity lens through course discussions, exercises and projects.
3. You will create a project using a set of sex- and gender-specific analytic methods and tools.

WGSS 379.003 – T: Queer Cinema

Offered: Full Semester, T 4:00-6:45pm

Instructor: Eva Hayward, ehayward@unm.edu

Description Forthcoming.

WGSS 379.004 – T: Race, Sex & Fashion

Offered: TR 12:30-1:45pm

Instructor: Francisco Galarte, galarte@unm.edu

Description Forthcoming.

WGSS 379.005 – T: Sex and Religion

Offered: Full Semester Online

Instructors: Hilary Lipka, hlipka@unm.edu

Sex and religion are intimately and intricately linked. Even in secular societies, the ways that reproduction, gender roles, desire, love, and sexual identity are viewed are directly impacted by religion. In this course, we will explore the relationship between sex and religion, and the interplay between sex, sexuality, and the construction of religious identities. First, we will examine the teachings, practices, and attitudes related to sex and sexuality in several of the world's major religious traditions. Topics we will explore within each religious tradition include gender roles and expectations, which behaviors are considered sexual and how those behaviors are viewed, rituals and traditions related to the sexual life cycle, and the intersection between sexuality, spirituality, and mysticism. We will then consider the ways in which the dynamic between sex and religion is playing out in contemporary cultures, and how current cultural and political debates, both within the U.S. and globally, over issues such as contraception, abortion, same-sex marriage, and trans rights are shaped by this dynamic.

WGSS 479.001 – Keywords: EcoFeminism

Offered: Full Semester, R 4:00-6:45pm

Instructor: Eva Hayward, ehayward@unm.edu

Description Forthcoming.

WGSS 510.001 – Feminist Theory & Methodology

Offered: Full Semester, W 4:00-6:30pm

Instructor: Daisy Atterbury, daisyatterbury@unm.edu

As a core seminar for the Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, this course will provide a foundation in feminist theory and poetics with an attention to queer/trans feminisms and queer of color critique. We will emphasize contemporary debates and foundational theories that inquire into the social constructions of gender, race, and sexuality through theoretical treatises alongside visual culture and poetry and poetics. These texts will explore non-normative modes of knowledge, cultural practices, and political activism. Central to our investigation are the intersections between queer theory, feminism and critical race theory. Weaving analyses of foundational queer and feminist texts, we will explore an expansive and radical contemporary feminist politics. Potential readings include recent monographs by Amber Musser, Jennifer Nash and Bernadine Hernández, alongside contemporary poetry and experimental writing by Natalie Diaz, Mirene Arsanios and Simone White.

WGSS 579.001 – T: Latinx Time

Offered: Full Semester, T 4:00-6:30pm

Instructor: Francisco Galarte, galarte@unm.edu

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