Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

The Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (WGS) promotes interdisciplinary scholarship on women, gender, sexuality, and related issues. The program coordinates a wide array of course offerings for both undergraduate and graduate students. It incorporates non-Western intellectual traditions where gender and sexuality are discussed in relation to class, ethnicity, and race in everyday life, political organization, and situations of violent conflict. The program also provides opportunities for intellectual exchange across disciplines by sponsoring lectures, symposia, seminars, and workshops for faculty and students alike. Through both interdisciplinary and specialized courses, students are encouraged to develop critical and comparative approaches to the study of gender and associated topics; race, class, and violence being among them.

Courses in the program are taught by prominent faculty members from many disciplines and are cross-listed through a variety of departments. New courses are added each year. Recent offerings have included Feminist and Queer Theory, The Poetics and Politics of Sex, and seminars that incorporate non-Western perspectives on religion and sexuality. WGS also offers community-based learning, where students combine volunteer work in a local social service agency with a seminar that explores the connections between social justice and academic inquiry. Each of these courses is offered on a regular basis. Together, they form the basis of a flexible minor. More generally, the minor—which is open to students from any department—aims to help integrate work undertaken across a broad range of offerings in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

Minor

The requirements for the minor consist of six one-semester courses chosen from the core offerings and the offerings cross-listed with the Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

Details about minor requirements include:

- Two core courses are required. In the recent past, the core courses have been Introduction to the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Feminist and Queer Theory, Gender and Health, The Poetics and Politics of Sex, Religion and Gender or Sexuality, and the community-based learning course Working for Social Justice in Contemporary Urban Space.
- Only two introductory 100- or 200-level courses may be counted toward the minor.
- With approval, students may elect to apply two semesters of independent study to fulfill the minor requirements.
- Students electing to minor in the Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality may declare their intention to the program at any time, but they are encouraged to seek advice about course selection early in their academic careers.
- Students must earn a C- or better in all minor requirements and courses may not be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Minor Requirements *

Two core courses (selected from the following): 6

- AS.363.201 Introduction to the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- AS.363.230 Life, Vitality, Affect: History of Science and Sexuality
- AS.363.233 Introduction to Feminism and Queer Theory
- AS.363.251 Religion and Sexuality
- AS.363.260 Gender, Citizenship, and Politics
- AS.363.300 Thirty Years of AIDS: Fatigue, Failure and Fantasies
- AS.363.301 Feminist and Queer Theory: Politics and Performance
- AS.363.325 Black Women, Feminism and Activism
- AS.363.333 The Poetics and Politics of Sex
- AS.363.350 Gender, Sexuality, and Religion: Muslim (In)Visibilities
- AS.363.410 Worshipped Goddesses, Worshiping Women: Femininity, Religion, and Mythology in Ancient Greece
- AS.363.417 Internship/Practicum: Critical Theory and the Possibility of Social Justice

Any course with the number 363.XXX

Four additional Women, Gender and Sexuality courses 12

Total Credits 18

* At least four 300- or 400-level courses are required for the minor.

While core courses offered in recent years are listed as options, not all courses listed as core courses will be offered on a regular basis and some may have been offered only once. They are listed to provide examples of the types of courses that may be offered.

For current course information and registration go to https://isis.jhu.edu/classes/

Please refer to departmental listings for more complete information. Some of these courses are offered on an irregular basis.

For current faculty and contact information go to http://anthropology.jhu.edu/wgs/directory.html

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