

THE STUDY OF WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

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DEGREES OFFERED: BA AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Both the undergraduate major and the graduate certificate program take an interdisciplinary approach in their exploration of women's experiences and the role that ideas about sexual differences have played in human societies. Areas of inquiry include women's participation in social and cultural production; the construction of gender roles and sexuality; the relationship between ideas about gender and concepts inherent in other social, political, and legal structures; and the implications of feminist theory for philosophical and epistemological traditions. Students acquire an understanding of how adopting gender as a significant category of analysis challenges existing disciplines. They also gain proficiency in the methods used to study and compare cultural constructions of gender and sexuality, and they become familiar with the ongoing fundamental debates in women's and gender studies.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA IN THE STUDY OF WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements in this publication. Students majoring in the study of women, gender, and sexuality must complete:

- 36 semester hours of departmental course work (30 hours if this is a 2nd major)

- SWGS 101 *Introduction to the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality* or SWGS 201 *Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies*
- SWGS 498 and SWGS 499 (capstone courses in fall and spring respectively)
- At least 1 approved non-Western studies course
- At least 1 approved critical race studies course
- At least 1 approved theory course

Of the remaining required courses, no more than 4 courses may be from a single department. All students must work out their individual courses of study with their faculty advisors. Each student's course of study must be approved by the director of the major. Course requirement tracking forms are available in the SWGS office for declared SWGS majors.

The following courses are among those that can be used to fulfill requirements for the major. As course offerings may vary from year to year, students are urged to consult with their faculty advisors or with the director at the beginning of each semester.

Please note that not all courses listed below will be offered during the academic year. For a current list of courses that will be offered in fall 2007 and spring 2008, please visit the SWGS website at cswgs.rice.edu.

I. Courses that Satisfy the Core Requirements

SWGS 101 *Introduction to the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality*

SWGS 201 *Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies*

SWGS 498 *Research in the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (F)*

SWGS 499 *Research in the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (S)*

II. Courses that Satisfy the Non-Western Studies Requirement

SWGS 240 *Gender and Politicized Religion*

SWGS 250 *International Political Economy of Gender*

SWGS 283 *Women in the Modern Islamic World*

SWGS 315 *Gender and Islam*

SWGS 323 *The Knowing Body: Buddhism, Gender, and the Social World*

SWGS 340 *Gender and Politicized Religion (enriched version)*

SWGS 399 *Women in Chinese Literature*

SWGS 422 *Gender and Global Economic Justice*

SWGS 455 *Women and Gender in Medieval Islamic Societies*

III. Courses that Satisfy the Critical Race Studies Requirement

SWGS 234 *U.S. Women's History I: Colonial Beginnings to the Civil War*

SWGS 235 *U.S. Women's History II: Civil War to the Present*

SWGS 370 *Survey of African American Literature*

SWGS 387 *Cultural Studies: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Representation*

SWGS 387 *Cultural Studies*

SWGS 415 *Sociolinguistics*

SWGS 453 *Topics in African American Literature: Black Women Writers*

SWGS 468 *Women and the U.S. Welfare State: Sexual Politics and American Poverty*

IV. Courses that Satisfy the Theory Requirement

SWGS 303 *Women's Stories and Legal Change*

SWGS 391 *Producing Feminist Knowledge: Methodology and Visual Culture*

SWGS 395 *Feminist Knowledges*

SWGS 430 *Queer Theory*

SWGS 434 *French Feminist Theory*

SWGS 460 *Feminist Social Thought*

SWGS 480 *Feminist Literary Theory*

SWGS 482 *Problems in Contemporary Feminist Theory*

V. Other Courses

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- SWGS 105 *Language, Gender, and Sexuality*
 SWGS 130 *Mapping German Culture: Women and National Socialism*
 SWGS 205 *Language and Society*
 SWGS 220 *Gendered Perspectives on the Law*
 SWGS 269 *Murder and Unbelonging in the Literary Imagination*
 SWGS 301 *Arthurian Literature*
 SWGS 305 *Chaucer*
 SWGS 306 *Human Sexuality*
 SGWS 307 *Sexuality and Christianity*
 SWGS 324 *Sociology of Gender*
 SWGS 325 *Sociology of the Family*
 SWGS 327 *20th-Century Women Writers: Feminist Literatures of Africa and the African Diaspora*
 SWGS 329 *Literature and Culture of the American West*
 SWGS 330 *Mapping German Culture: Courtship, Love, and Marriage in the Age of Chivalry*
 SWGS 331 *The Psychology of Gender*
 SWGS 332 *Self, Sex, and Society in Ancient Greece*
 SWGS 335 *The Lifecycle: A Biocultural View*
 SGWS 342 *Gender, Race, and Technoscience*
 SGWS 343 *Women and Performance*
 SWGS 348 *Subjectivity in Modern and Postmodern Art and Thought*
 SWGS 349 *Women Writers: 1400-1900*
 SWGS 350 *Gender and Symbolism*
 SGWS 351 *Coming of Age in a Transnational World*
 SWGS 358 *Mapping German Culture: European Women Filmmakers*
 SWGS 361 *New German Cinema*
 SWGS 365 *Gender, Subjectivity, and the History of Photography*
 SWGS 366 *Topics in American Literature*
 SWGS 368 *Mythologies*
 SWGS 369 *Seminar on Beauty and Fragmentation in Modern Art*
 SWGS 372 *Survey of Victorian Fiction*
 SWGS 389 *Generation X in Literature and Culture*
 SWGS 390 *Hispanic Cinema*
 SGWS 398 *Topics in Legal History*
 SWGS 400 *Constructing Identities in Modern Fiction*
 SWGS 405 *Austen Only*
 SWGS 410 *The Literary and Historical Image of the Medieval Woman*
 SWGS 412 *Women and Women's Voices in French Literature*
 SWGS 420 *Women and Gender in 19th-Century Europe*
 SWGS 440 *Women in Music*
 SWGS 442 *Women in Russian Literature*
 SWGS 444 *Family Inequality*
 SWGS 448 *Disease and Difference: The Body in Visual Culture*
 SWGS 462 *20th-21st-Century American Literary Studies*
 SWGS 465 *Gender and Health*
 SWGS 470 *Sex, Sanctity, and Psychoanalysis*
 WGST 485 *Gender and Hollywood Cinema in the 1950s*
 SGWS 486 *Medicine and Media*
 SWGS 495 *Independent Study*
 SWGS 496 *Applied Women's and Gender Studies*
 SWGS 498 *Research in the Study of Women and Gender (F)*
 SWGS 499 *Research in the Study of Women and Gender (S)*

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THE STUDY OF WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

The graduate certificate program in the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (SWGS) is designed to provide interdisciplinary training in the field of women and gender studies to students pursuing a PhD degree at Rice University. Students who have been admitted into a PhD program are eligible to apply to the SWGS graduate certificate program. The SWGS graduate certificate is not a free-standing degree program; in addition to fulfilling the SWGS requirements outlined below, candidates will be required to successfully complete the PhD program in which they have been admitted in order to receive the graduate certificate in SWGS. Further information is available on request from the SWGS office. For PhD requirements, see the relevant department. For general university

requirements, see Graduate Degrees in this publication.

The program awards graduate fellowship stipends, within the limits of available funds, to certificate students during the prospectus-writing semester. Although timelines vary depending on the student's home department, this semester normally occurs during the semester following the completion of coursework and before passing the qualifying examinations in the PhD program. During the prospectus-writing semester, graduate certificate students will be enrolled in SWGS 502 *Gender, the Disciplines, and Interdisciplinarity*. Graduate certificate students will be eligible to work as teaching assistants for an SWGS undergraduate core or cross-listed course, or in some cases, to teach a course of their own upon approval of the steering committee.

For the graduate certificate in SWGS, candidates must complete:

- 9 credit hours of courses in SWGS, including 2 core courses (SWGS 501 and SWGS 502) and 1 cross-listed elective course (see list of approved courses below)
- 3 noncredit hours for participation in annual colloquium

SWGS certificate students are strongly encouraged to include a member of the SWGS faculty on their dissertation committee and to consult regularly with the faculty member as they pursue their dissertation work.

The following courses are those that can be used to fulfill requirements for the graduate certificate. In most cases, students will be able to complete these requirements within the normal time limits for coursework in their PhD program. All students must work out their individual courses of study with the SWGS director and the graduate advisor in their home department. Each student's course of study must be approved by the SWGS director. Please note that not all courses listed below will be offered during the academic year. For a current list of courses that will be offered in fall 2007 and spring 2008, please visit the SWGS website at cswgs.rice.edu.

I. Courses that Satisfy the Core Graduate Certificate Requirements

SWGS 501 *Feminist Debates*

SWGS 502 *Gender, the Disciplines, and Interdisciplinarity*

II. Courses that Satisfy the Cross-listed Elective Course Requirement

SWGS 503 *Directed Reading*

SWGS 517 *Medieval Women Writers*

SWGS 520 *Shakespeare and Difference*

SWGS 522 *Feminist Economics*

SWGS 525 *Self, Sex, and Society in Ancient Greece*

SWGS 542 *Victorian Fiction*

SWGS 545 *Women and Gender: Europe and Beyond*

SWGS 546 *20th Century British Literature*

SWGS 551 *U.S. Women's History*

SWGS 556 *Seminar in Language Variation*

SWGS 576 *Topics in U.S. Women's History*

SWGS 577 *Buddhism, Gender, Society*

SWGS 580 *Sex, Sanctity, and Psychoanalysis*

SWGS 581 *Studies in Sexuality: Thinking Sex under Neo-Liberalism*

SWGS 585 *Postcolonialism and After*

III. Annual Colloquium Requirement

Graduate certificate students will participate in a colloquium involving a series of speakers over the course of a year, to be offered annually at Rice and organized by SWGS. Colloquium attendance by graduate certificate students constitutes an official requirement for the certificate. Colloquium topics will be determined by the SWGS Steering Committee with a view to highlighting emerging knowledge in the field of women's studies. The colloquium will provide graduate students with the opportunity to engage in sustained intellectual exchange with leading women's studies scholars and to participate in cutting edge work in the field.