

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WGS)

Women's and Gender Studies Courses

WGS 192 First-Year Seminar:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific topics are announced in the Schedule of Classes each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

General Education Requirements: HU

Last Taught: Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 199 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Independent work supervised by Women's & Gender Studies faculty or staff member. Written proposal required prior to registration. For additional information, consult WGS prog asst dir.

Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA; writ cons instr, Women's & Gender Studies prog dir & asst dean for SAS.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2023, Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 200 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Social Science Perspective

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Interdisciplinary class using gender as category of analysis, in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other categories of difference, to understand how power is structured and identities are socially constructed, from a social sciences perspective.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS 201 or L&S HUM 201 is also taken.

General Education Requirements: SS

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 201 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: A Humanities Perspective

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Interdisciplinary class using gender as a category of analysis, in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other categories of difference, to understand how power is structured and identities are socially constructed, from a humanities perspective.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: May not be taken for cr if WGS 200 or L&S SS 200 is also taken.

General Education Requirements: HU

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 211 Foundations of Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introductory exploration of the meaning and practice of feminist research, with an emphasis on critical reading, writing, and analytical skills.

Prerequisites: WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of WGS 290 with the same topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 301 Queer Theory

3 cr. Undergraduate.

An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of queer theory and the study of sexuality as a social construction related to gender, race, class, citizenship, and other categories of difference.

Prerequisites: none.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 302 Gendered Bodies:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Feminist interdisciplinary approach to the human body; its life changes as socially constructed and conditioned by cultural ideas and practices of gender and other differences.

Prerequisites: junior standing or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 303 Feminist Activism and Movements:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Feminist activism and women's social and political movements in a global and historical context.

Prerequisites: junior standing or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2018, Fall 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 311 Global Anti-Gender Movements

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Examines how the crises of the twenty-first century: the fall of democracy and rise of authoritarianism, mass displacement and forced migration, and vast economic inequality and precarity, to name a few, have invigorated anti-gender campaigns.

Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of WGS 302 with similar topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 380 Honors Seminar in the Social Sciences:

3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women's and gender studies from a social science perspective.
Prerequisites: sophomore standing; HONORS 200(P); and consent of Honors College director.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.
General Education Requirements: SS
Last Taught: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2017.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 381 Honors Seminar in the Humanities:

3 cr. Undergraduate.
Selected topics in women's and gender studies from a humanities perspective.
Prerequisites: sophomore standing; HONORS 200(P); and consent of Honors College director.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.
General Education Requirements: HU
Last Taught: Spring 2023.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 401 Global Feminisms

3 cr. Undergraduate.
Interdisciplinary feminist study of women's rights movements and issues relating to gender and sexuality globally; study of international feminisms, women of color feminisms, and postcolonial feminisms in historical and contemporary contexts.
Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).
Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 410 Feminist Theory

3 cr. Undergraduate.
An interdisciplinary survey of foundational feminist theories interrogating gender oppression in relation to race, class, sexuality, and other identities.
Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P).
Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 411 Feminist Research and Practice

3 cr. Undergraduate.
Interdisciplinary course with focus on feminist methodologies, epistemologies, and research methods across the humanities and social sciences.
Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200(P) or WGS 201(P); or consent of instructor.
Course Rules: May not be retaken for credit.
Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 489 Internship in Women's and Gender Studies

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.
Application of advanced principles of Women's and Gender Studies in an appropriate organizational, educational, business, or political setting.
Prerequisites: junior standing, WGS 200 or WGS 201, and consent of instructor.
Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max. One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hours in internship.
Last Taught: Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 497 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.
Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.
Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2019.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 497G Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work levels, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially-prepared program course work.
Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.
Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2019.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 500 Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on various topics and approaches in the social sciences.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr combined max for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Spring 2025.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 500G Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on various topics and approaches in the social sciences.
Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 credits in women's and gender studies.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr combined max for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Spring 2025.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 501 Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.
An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on various topics and approaches in the humanities.
Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200 or 201.
Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to combined max of 9 cr for WGS 500 and WGS 501.
Last Taught: Fall 2024.
Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 501G Advanced Humanities Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies:

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

An advanced seminar in feminist research and theories, focusing on various topics and approaches in the humanities.

Prerequisites: junior standing and WGS 200 or 201.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to combined max of 9 cr for WGS 500 and WGS 501.

Last Taught: Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 699 Independent Reading

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced independent work under supervision of a WGS faculty or instructional academic staff member. Students must submit study proposal. For more information, consult Women's and Gender Studies Chair.

Prerequisites: junior standing, 2.0 GPA, and consent of instructor and Women's & Gender Studies Program Chair.

Course Rules: May be retaken for cr.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 700 Feminist Issues and Scholarship

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced introduction to feminist scholarship and research in multiple disciplines and introduction to the disciplinary history of Women's and Gender Studies.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 701 Feminisms in Global Context

3 cr. Graduate.

Interdisciplinary graduate-level course with focus on transnational feminisms, women of color feminisms, and postcolonial feminisms, exploring questions regarding gender, sexuality, and race in historical and contemporary contexts.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 710 Advanced Feminist Theory

3 cr. Graduate.

Interdisciplinary graduate-level seminar examining feminist theories addressing concepts such as identity, difference, intersectionality, representation, and activism.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 711 Feminist Epistemologies and Research Practices

3 cr. Graduate.

Interdisciplinary graduate-level course with focus on feminist epistemologies, methodologies and research methods.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: May not be retaken for credit.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 740 Advanced Queer Theory

3 cr. Graduate.

Interdisciplinary graduate-level seminar on foundational texts and key issues in the dynamic field of queer theory.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of WGS 799 with similar topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 799 Advanced Topics in Women's and Gender Studies:

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced examination and analysis of selected Women's and Gender Studies issues and topics for graduate students.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 820 Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Practicum

3 cr. Graduate.

Internship, field experience, or related practical experience that provides students the opportunity to apply feminist theories and research methods in a practical context.

Prerequisites: grad st; WGS 710(P) & 711(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2024, Fall 2020, Summer 2019, Spring 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 888 Candidate for Degree

0 cr. Graduate.

Available for graduate students who must meet minimum credit load requirements.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Fee for 1 cr assessed; unit does not count towards credit load for Fin Aid. Repeatable. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.

Last Taught: Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2024, Fall 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 990 Research and Thesis

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Reserved for research in connection with master's thesis.

Prerequisites: grad st; cons instr.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

WGS 999 Advanced Independent Work

1-6 cr. Graduate.

Independent reading or project; topic selected in agreement with supervising professor.

Prerequisites: grad st; cons Wmns dir.

Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>