

# WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (WMST)

## Courses

### WMST 535 WOMEN, WORK AND FAMILY (3)

Women's work examined historically and cross-culturally from an interdisciplinary perspective. Women's work in traditional societies, effects of industrialization on women's work, and women's paid and unpaid work in contemporary societies. Prerequisite: 3 lower division credits in women's studies or consent of instructor.

### WMST 538 WOMEN AND SEXUALITY (3)

Examination of the politics of sexuality: the interaction between cultural definitions and evaluations of women's sexualities and women's social and legal states; and women's attempts to achieve sexual autonomy. Emphasis on how the meaning of sexuality changes over time and how women respond to these changes, and their effect on women. Prerequisite: 3 credits in women's studies or social sciences.

### WMST 545 WOMEN, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH (3)

Relationships between economic development, health and the environment from a global perspective with a focus on women's roles in environmental management; how women's activism effects social and public policy agendas.

### WMST 550 B-MORE: BALTIMORE AND URBAN COMMUNITIES (3)

Analyzes significant political, economic, and cultural issues facing Baltimore and other urban communities including poverty, discrimination, economic development, and the criminal justice system; special attention to gender, race, class, and youth activism.

### WMST 570 TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (3)

An interdisciplinary examination of selected issues, themes, or topics in women's studies. Variation in content in different semesters. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units when a different topic is covered. Prerequisite: one women's studies course or consent of instructor.

### WMST 585 MASCULINITIES IN PERSPECTIVE (3)

Examines the social construction of masculinities in the United States from a feminist perspective. Topics include men at work, male sexuality, men and violence, pornography, significant relationships, fatherhood and family life, pop culture, male centered social movements and changes over the lifecycle. Special attention will be paid to race, class, sexuality, age, and other differences in identity in patriarchy.

### WMST 586 WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICES (3)

Focus on broad range women's religious practices rather than beliefs about the place of women in any one tradition. Contemporary material drawn from many traditions including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and indigenous religions. Analysis of primary and ethnographic sources.

### WMST 588 GENDER AND RELIGION IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA (3)

An exploration of the intersection of gender and religious experience in the African diaspora communities of the Americas and Caribbean from the 1700s to present. Emphasis on feminist and race critical analysis and fieldwork methodologies. Prerequisite: degree-seeking status.

### WMST 591 DIRECTED READING IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (1-4)

Independent reading in women's studies with emphasis on interdisciplinary relationships. Topics selected by student in consultation with instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units when a different topic is covered. Prerequisites: 15 hours in interdisciplinary or departmental women's studies courses; minimum 3.00 GPA average in women's studies; department consent.

### WMST 601 WOMEN AND GENDER IN THE WORKPLACE (3)

Examination of the organization of work and the role of gender in the division of labor, power and authority, income and other rewards, in diverse work settings. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

### WMST 603 THE DIVERSITY OF WOMEN (3)

Examination of feminist scholarship on race, class and sexualities, particularly with regard to the distribution of power within a variety of institutions. A required course for the WMST Master's Program. Non-WMST Graduate students are asked to join the wait list and will be accepted into the class as space permits. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

### WMST 605 WOMEN IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT (3)

Examination of the diverse experiences of women in a variety of national and international contexts. Particular attention will be devoted to how global forces impact women's lives today and the diverse ways that women struggle against inequality. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

### WMST 607 ADVANCED FEMINIST THEORY (3)

Major feminist theories on women's experience, emphasizing the areas in the graduate concentrations: workplace, health, public policy and international. A required course for the WMST Master's Program. Non-WMST Graduate students are asked to join the wait list and will be accepted into the class as space permits. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

### WMST 609 APPLIED RESEARCH METHODS AND SKILLS I (3)

How to interpret, evaluate, and conduct research about women and gender issues in organizations and society, using the computer, the Internet, and statistical software for accessing and producing information. Prerequisites: graduate standing and adequate computer skills.

### WMST 611 WOMEN, PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL CHANGE (3)

How public policy affects the experiences of women and men, and groups to which they belong. Includes study of components of public policy-making, case studies of gender-related public policy, and methods of instituting change. A required course for the WMST Master's Program. Non-WMST Graduate students are asked to join the wait list and will be accepted into the class as space permits. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

### WMST 613 WOMEN AND HEALTH (3)

An interdisciplinary study of women's health from a holistic perspective that builds on socioeconomic, political and biological aspects of women's health. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

**WMST 620 FIELD EXPERIENCE (3)**

Non-culminating field placement for students in organizations or agencies (including governmental) working on projects that serve women. Course includes a proposal, regular meetings with adviser a journal and a final written report of the project. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6 credits by student not electing the WMST 796 Internship option; site of placement may not be repeated. Prerequisites: Completion of a minimum of 9 credits toward a master's in WMST and approval of the student's adviser and graduate program director.

**WMST 670 SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMENS STUDIES (3)**

Topics pertaining to WMST graduate concentrations. May be repeated two times for a total of 9 credits maximum.

**WMST 695 INDEPENDENT STUDY (3)**

Study and research including writing a research paper on a selected topic in women's studies. May be repeated with a different topic for a maximum of 6 units. Prerequisites: 15 undergraduate or 9 graduate units in women's studies; graduate standing and consent of women's studies prior to registration.

**WMST 796 INTERNSHIP (3)**

Intensive hands-on experience in approved organization related to student's concentration. Written report required upon completion. Must be taken in two separate semesters for a total of 6 credits. Prerequisite: Minimum of 9 credits completed in graduate program in Women's Studies and consent of student's graduate adviser.

**WMST 897 WOMEN'S STUDIES THESIS (6)**

Original research on a topic related to the student's concentration using acceptable research methods and design. May be based in extensive library, survey or field research. A thesis prospectus detailing the nature and scope of the investigation and the methods to be employed must be submitted and approved in advance to the student's adviser and the graduate director. Students will be required to do an oral presentation of their thesis in a meeting with their graduate adviser and one other WMST faculty. Must be taken in two separate semesters for a total of 6 credits. Prerequisites: Completion of a minimum of 21 credits toward the M.S. in WMST and completion of WMST 609.

**WMST 898 WOMEN'S STUDIES THESIS (3)**

The previous course, WMST 897, taken over two consecutive semesters.

**WMST 899 THESIS CONTINUUM (1)**

Continuation of thesis beyond the 6 units.