

Courses with a Women or Gender Focus: Fall 2009

***Please be advised that this list is for information only. To verify that a course will fulfill a requirement for any degree or specialization program, you MUST check with your advisor. These schedules are tentative and subject to change, so check back for updates. The official, up-to-date course information can be found at <http://schedule.msu.edu/>**

Undergraduate Courses

Course # and Name	Catalog Description	Cr.	Time offered
ANP 270 Women and Health: Anthropological and International Perspectives	Cross cultural perspectives on the health implications of differing life circumstances for women. Women as health-care consumers and providers. Health and women's life cycles.	3	M W 8:30 AM - 9:50 AM
ANP 431 Gender, Environment and Development	Seminar designed for upper-level undergraduate students and graduate students interested in the relationship among processes of environmental change, development and gender differentiation. Anthropological perspectives. Case studies of major theoretical approaches. Gendered participation environmental movements, organizations.	3	W 5:00 PM - 7:50 PM
ASN 401 East Asian Culture	Selected topics in the history and culture of China, Japan and Korea	3	Tu Th 3:00 PM – 4:20 PM
ENG 153 Introduction to Women Authors	Writings by women from various racial, socio-economic and historical backgrounds. Women`s choices of subject matter and style. Women`s redefinition of literary genres.	4	Section 001: M W 3:00 PM - 4:50 PM Section 002: M W 12:40 PM - 2:30 PM
ENG 353 Women and Literature	Relationship of women to cultural and literary texts, as revealed in literature written by women. Critical responses to these texts. Feminist approaches to literature.	3	Section 001: Tu Th 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM Section 002: M W 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM Section 003: M W 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM
FW 404/WS 404 Women and the Law in the United States	Law in the United States as a vehicle for structuring and maintaining women's social roles, and for social change.	3	Tu Th 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
GSAH 311 Crossing Boundaries/Changing Worlds, Section 001: Moving (Writing) Across/Beyond Caribbean Borders: Interpreting the Cultural Production of Hispanic Caribbean Migrations	Origins and processes of global migrations by peoples of the insular Hispanic Caribbean (Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico) to, from and within the United States. Analyze cultural and political depictions of migratory processes through transnational practices linking diasporic communities to their countries of origin. Racial, ethnic, sexual, and class representations in texts.	3	M W 8:30 – 9:50 AM (Instructor: Danny Mendez)
HST 313 Women in the United States to 1869	United States history through the perspective of women and gender. Topics will focus on women in the changing economy; women`s legal and political status; differences among women based on status, region, age, ethnicity, and race; women`s changing sex roles and representations. Traditional subjects of inquiry in the colonial, revolutionary, early national, and <i>ante bellum</i> periods, such as religious revivals, westward expansion, and the industrial revolution.	4	Tu Th 10:20 AM - 12:10 PM

HST 413/WS 413 Families in Historic Perspective	Family forms and socioeconomic change in Europe and the United States. Gender, childhood, courtship, sexual relations, marriage, divorce, childbearing, and old age in peasant, industrial, and postindustrial society. War, welfare state, and the family. The marginalized: vagrants, foundlings, immigrants, and single mothers.	3	M W 3:00 PM – 4:20 PM
HST 420/WS 420 History of Sexuality since the 18th Century	Changing gender roles, sex in the Victorian era, prostitution, pornography, birth control, emergence of homo- and heterosexuality, sex under fascism, the sexual revolution, contemporary conflicts.	3	Tu Th 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM
HST 486 Seminar in Latin American History		3	M W 12:40 PM – 2:00 PM
IAH 207 Literatures, Cultures, Identities: Individualities in Cross-Cultural Studies of Chinese and Japanese Literature	Explorations in how literature reflects, creates, and challenges cultural and individual identities. Approaches and materials from literature, philosophy, the arts, religion, and history.	4	M W 3:00 PM – 4:20 PM + Th Sections (Instructor: Hsiao-ping Wang)
IAH 211B Area Studies and Multicultural Civilizations, Asia	Section 001: Constructions of “the Feminine” in Japanese Culture and Arts (Honors Section) Section 002: Japanese Popular Culture in International Perspective	4	Section 001: M W 12:40 PM - 2:30 PM Section 002: M W 3:00 PM - 4:50 PM
ISS 335 National Diversity and Change Section 003: Race, Gender, and Crime	Racial, ethnic, class, gender, and other forms of diversity in the United States. Systems of dominant-minority relations and forms of prejudice and discrimination. Scope of and responses to group inequalities.	4	M W 3:00 PM – 4:50 PM
LIN 225 Language and Gender	Gender and language in societies around the world. Issues such as status, power and politeness in monolingual and multilingual societies. The role of gender in language development, language variation and language change.	3	Tu Th 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
MC 386 Women and Power in Comparative Perspective	Application of feminist theory to questions of gender and power in different economic and political systems and geographic areas.	3	Tu Th 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM
MC 390 Advanced Topics in Public Affairs	Section 007: Politics of Identity, Ideology, and Gender in Muslim Central Eurasia	4	M W 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
MC 395 Women, Men, and Giving up the Self Section 004: Altruism and Egoism in 19 th Century Fiction and Political Economy	19 th century English writers and thinkers imagined the highest form of human behavior as self-sacrifice or altruism. This ideal was especially significant for women. Our study will chart the shift from reigning ideas of self-sacrifice to the emergence of an ethical appreciation for self-realization and self-interest. Texts will be predominantly fiction. Course work includes investigating the ideal of altruism as Victorian novelists and thinkers imagined it, considering how and why ideas about the value of altruism began to shift so that, by the century’s end, writers could appreciate the idea of self-concern. We will also seek to trace in this historical shift the roots of our own commitments to “self-discovery” and “self-realization.”	4	Tu Th 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM

MC 493 Senior Seminar in Comparative Cultures and Politics	Section 002: Cultures, Sex, and Gender	5	Tu Th 5:10 PM - 7:00 PM
PHL 356 Philosophical Aspects of Feminism	Conceptual and normative issues in feminist theory. Topics such as sexism, oppression, coercion, control, power, equality, personhood, respect and self-respect, rape, separatism, community, intimacy, and autonomy.	3	M W 10:20 AM - 12:10 PM
PHL 456 Topics in Feminist Philosophy	Philosophical issues in a framework of feminist politics and critique. Standpoint theories, care/justice ethics, ontological status of genders/races, theories of power/domination, determinism/freedom.	4	M W 10:20 AM - 12:10 PM
PSY 493 Issues in Psychology	This course provides an introduction to evolutionary psychology—an integrative approach to thinking about human nature and what it means for a naturalistic understanding of all aspects of human behavior. Key theories and principles in psychology and evolutionary biology are discussed. Topics covered include morality and cooperation, prejudice and warfare, sex and love, and conflict between the sexes.	3	Tu Th 2:40 PM - 4:00 PM
SOC 216 Sex and Gender	Social structural and social psychological perspectives on gender. Issues related to gender inequality in selected institutions such as economy, family, education, and politics.	3	M W F 1:50 PM - 2:40 PM
SOC 315 Family and Society	Family development. Diversity of family form and organization in relation to personality, class, race, and gender.	3	M W 4:10 PM - 5:30 PM
SOC 322 Sociology of Work	Social significance of work. Forces changing contemporary occupational structure. Career patterns. Occupational status and mobility. Social organization of various types of work. Gender and work. Social influence on work attitudes.	3	Tu Th 12:40 PM - 2:00 PM
SOC 451 Dynamics of Population	Size, distribution, and composition of population by age and gender. Theories of the effect of fertility, mortality, and migration on population structures. Successful and unsuccessful population policies.	3	Tu Th 6:00 PM - 7:20 PM
SOC 452 Environment and Society	Introduction to sociological and other social science approaches to understanding the relations between society and the biophysical environment. Emphasizes ways in which culture and social organization influence and are influenced by relationships between society and environment. Roles of gender, mass media, technology, and population are considered.	3	Tu Th 8:00 AM - 9:20 AM
WRA 140 Writing: Women in America	Drafting, revising, and editing compositions derived from readings on women in America to develop skills in narration, persuasion, analysis, and documentation.	4	Multiple Sections
WRA 145 Writing: Men in America	Drafting, revising, and editing compositions derived from readings on men in America to develop skills in narration, persuasion, analysis, and documentation.	4	Multiple Sections
WS 201 Introduction to	Foundational knowledge, theories, methods in women's and gender	3	Section 001: Tu Th 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM

Women`s and Gender Studies	studies and of women's experience historically and across the globe.		Section 002: Tu Th 12:40 PM - 2:00 PM Section 003: M W 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
WS 202 Introduction to Contemporary Feminisms and Gender Theories (D)	Theories of feminism and gender from a variety of intellectual, political, cultural, religious, sexual, racial, ethnic, national, and global perspectives.	3	M W 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
WS 203 Introduction to Methods for Women`s and Gender Studies Research	Interdisciplinary research methods for global women`s and gender studies.	3	M W 3:00 PM - 4:20 PM
WS 302 Jewish Women`s Experiences and Writings	Diverse experiences of Jewish women from a multidisciplinary perspective. Gender construction of Jewish and majority women and men. Generations of immigrant Jewish women. Anti-Semitism. Jewish feminism. Political and economic issues.	3	Tu Th 12:40 PM - 2:00 PM
WS 404 Women and the Law	Interdisciplinary research methods for global women`s and gender studies.	3	Tu Th 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM
Graduate Courses			
FW 858 Gender, Justice and Environmental Change: Issues and Concepts	Issues and concepts related to gender, ecology, and environmental studies. Key debates and theoretical approaches to addressing environmental issues from a gender and social justice perspective. Gender and environment issues and processes from a global perspective.	3	Th 9:10 AM - 12:00 PM
HST 860 Seminar in Women's History	Dr. Nwando Achebe's Section "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Africa" Political, social, and economic history of women. Major interpretations and research findings. Topics vary. Dr.	3	Th 4:10 PM - 7:00 PM