

GEND – GENDER STUDIES

GEND 219

Feminist Theories and Foundations

3 Credits **Weekly (3-0-0)**

This course examines foundational thinking in the history of feminism. It investigates feminism's development as a transnational movement whose theories pervade cultures of the past and present, focusing on such key issues as agitation for political and economic agency, the performativity of gender and sexuality, and the rise of intersectional feminism. As it attends to the affinities and tensions among groups in the movement, it explores how theories have emerged and developed via debates among feminists and in close engagement with the intellectual, political, and social challenges of their times.

Prerequisite: A minimum grade of C- in any 100-level ANTH (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/anth/>), CLAS (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/clas/>), ECON (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/econ/>), ENGL (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/engl/>), HIST (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/hist/>), PHIL (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/phil/>), POLS (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/pols/>), PSYC (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/psyc/>), or SOCI (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/course-descriptions/soci/>) course.

GEND 319

Indigenous and Postcolonial Feminisms

3 Credits **Weekly (3-0-0)**

This course examines the construction of gender within Indigenous and postcolonial frameworks. The course explores critical feminist issues and activism through a range of postcolonial theoretical and standpoint orientations. Students begin with a historical understanding of the development of Indigenous and postcolonial feminist theories, and proceed to focus on contemporary gendered effects of colonization, racialization, and imperialism.

Prerequisites: Min C- in GEND 219.

GEND 398

Independent Study

3 Credits **Total (0-0-45)**

This course permits an intermediate-level student to work with an instructor to explore a specific topic in depth through research or directed reading in primary and secondary sources. The student plans, executes and reports the results of their independent research or study project under the direction of a faculty supervisor. To be granted enrollment in the course, the student must have made prior arrangements with a faculty member willing to supervise the student's project.

GEND 419

Special Topics in Gender Studies

3 Credits **Weekly (0-0-3)**

This course provides an in-depth study of a selected topic in gender studies. The topic for the course varies from year to year and is announced prior to registration. Possible topics include but are not limited to gendered violence, gender and media, trans issues, feminism and food, and queer theory. This course may be taken up to two times provided the topic is different and with permission of the Dean, or delegate, on the recommendation of the Gender Studies Coordinator.

Prerequisites: A minimum grade of C- in GEND 319; or minimum grades of C- in GEND 219 and one of GEND 398, GEND 498, ANTH 308, ANTH 320, ENGL 368, PHIL 333, PSYC 370, SOCI 301, SOCI 430, or SOWK 433.

GEND 498

Advanced Independent Study

3 Credits **Total (0-0-45)**

This course permits senior-level students to work with an instructor to explore a specific topic in depth through research or directed reading in primary and secondary sources. The student plans, executes, and reports the results of their independent research or study project under the direction of a faculty supervisor. To be granted enrollment in the course, the student must have made prior arrangements with a faculty member willing to supervise the student's project.