GEND – GENDER STUDIES

GEND 219
Feminist Theories and Foundations
3 Credits
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, CLAS, ECON, ENGL, HIST, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI course.

GEND 319
Indigenous and Postcolonial Feminisms
3 Credits
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
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
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 by consent of the Dean, or delegate, on the recommendation of the Gender Studies Coordinator.

GEND 498
Advanced Independent Study
3 Credits
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.