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Course Catalog - Gender Studies

Minor in Gender Studies - Minor in Gender Studies

Type:Minor

A minor in Gender Studies consists of fifteen (15) **semester hours** including:

- Three (3) of which must be GNDR 1101 (Introduction to Gender Studies).
- Of the remaining twelve (12) hours, six (6) must be taken at the 3000 level.

This flexibility, coupled with the interdisciplinary nature of the field, permits students to design a minor that best reflects their academic and future career interests. (Only cross-listed courses taken during or after Fall 2000 may be applied to the minor in Gender Studies.)

GNDR 1101 - Introduction to Gender Studies

This course provides an understanding of gender and the evolution of gender roles within one's own culture and that of others. In developing this understanding, emphasis is placed on the great diversity of gender roles in individual lives by considering such factors as race, age, marital, and class status.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 2500 - Kinship and Families

This course offers a multidisciplinary perspective on contemporary marriages, families, and other intimate relationships. Students will become familiarized with competing models and theories on relationships. In addition, this course explores cross-cultural variation in family systems as well as diversity and change within the American population. Topics to be covered include mate selection, sexuality, marital structure, marital happiness, divorce, parenting, and alternative family forms. This course is also cross-listed as SOCI2500.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 3110 - Special Topics: Latin American Women Writers

This course—taught in English—will focus on gender, race, and social class as portrayed in the works of major Latin American women and Latina writers. (Note: the writers studied in this course differ from those studied in GNDR/SPAN 4002.) This course is also cross-listed as LAST3110.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 3320 - The Ethics of Sexuality, Marriage, and Gender

A study of the moral issues related to sexuality, gender roles, and family life. Topics vary per offering but may include ethical reflection on such topics as the meaning and purpose of sexuality, gender roles, pre-marital and extra marital sexuality, homosexuality and family structure. We will compare the range of positions on these issues within Christianity, and also compare them with positions in other world faiths. RLGN 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, or 1108 are all prerequisites for this course. This course is also cross-listed as RLGN3320.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 3500 - Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Society

Students will become aware of the impact of race, ethnicity, and gender in a global society. The norms, values, and patterns of communication associated with each category and how these affect personal life choices and social status will be examined. Specifically, students will become aware of how the basic social institutions, such as the economy, the family, education, religion and the political system, are biased

institutions with differing ideals and expectations for women and men, as well as for different races and ethnic groups. This course is also cross-listed as SOCI3500.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Prerequisites:

- [SOCI 1000](#) - Introduction to Sociology
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GNDR 4002 - Latin American Women Writers

This courses—taught in Spanish—will focus on gender, race, and social class as portrayed in the works of major Latin American women and Latina writers. (Note: The writers studied in this course will differ from those studied in GNDR/LAST 3110.) This course is also cross-listed as SPAN4002.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

Restrictions:

- Permission of course can be granted from instructor.
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GNDR 4440 - Modern & Contemporary Fiction

The primary focus of this course will be narratology, the close examination of the role of the narrator of each work. All the works present some form of unreliable narrator (liar, insane, uncertain, confused, etc.). Class readings and discussion will focus on the form and function of such untrustworthy narrators. At the core of the narratives is a relationship, usually between a man and a woman. Our secondary focus will be on the role of gender in the nature of these relationships. The difference, for example, in the reportage from a feminine vs. a masculine point of view; the role of men vs. the role of women in relationships, especially in relation to the progression of the twentieth and twentieth-first centuries; the importance of gender on the narrator's experience of how she or he conveys that experience; the ways in which the narrator is perceived by others (both characters and readers) in relation to gender; use of feminist critical perspective in viewing these relationships. This course is also cross-listed as ENGL4440.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 4470 - Women and the Green World

This course will explore the ways in which women writers relate to and write about the green world. Has the world of plants, forests, and herbs, as Linda Baron & Brenda Peterson claim, “long been the province of women” (xi)? Is women’s bond with the plant kingdom inherently different from men’s? What motivates women, in particular, to reflect on “the emotional, philosophical, and spiritual aspects” (xii) of humanity’s interaction with the green world? If, as Baron & Peterson maintain “(t)he green world is fundamental to our identity”. How do women create, reflect, and/or interact with such an identity through the craft of writing? These are the questions we will examine as we read texts by Isabel Allende, Zora Neale Hurston, Mary Crow Dog, Naomi Shihab Nye, Mary Oliver, Robin Wall Kimmerer, and others. This course is also cross-listed as ENGL4470 Special Topics.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

GNDR 4499 - Special Topics: American Women

A course offered at the junior/senior level, focusing on a specialized topic in the field of history. This course is also cross-listed as HIST4499.

Grade Basis: AL

Credit hours: 3.0

Lecture hours: 3.0

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