

# WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES (WMST)

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## **WMST 0001. Introduction to Women's Studies**

*Units: 3*

Formerly known as SSCI 27

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL A

Hours: 54 lecture

Examination of the varying roles of women in society, emphasizing the diversity of both local and transnational women's experiences. Investigation includes history, embodiment, scientific and cultural representations, work, family, artistic production and social movements. Focuses on power and gender roles and how they vary for women and men of different racial, ethnic, class, national, ability and sexuality groups. (CSU, UC)

## **WMST 0002. Introduction to LGBT Studies/Queer Theory**

*Units: 3*

Also known as LGBT 1

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Hours: 54 lecture

A broad and general exploration of Queer Theory as an historical consequence of Feminism and Gay and Lesbian Studies. Emphasis on theoretical and philosophical underpinnings of Queer Theory, Social Construction versus Essentialism, Postmodernist theory, politics, LGBT Studies and Queer Culture. Examines LGBTQ issues from bio-medical, sociological, political, racial and sexual perspectives. (CSU, UC)

## **WMST 0003. Introduction to Women, Gender and Religion**

*Units: 3*

Also known as HUM 9

Hours: 54 lecture

Religion from a feminist perspective through a cross-cultural examination of major religious traditions of the East and West, as well as tribal faith practices. Emphasis on the historical role of women and gender in rituals, sacred texts, institutional structures, doctrine and religious iconography with respect to the impact on contemporary women regarding faith, politics and identity. (CSU, UC)

## **WMST 0004. Feminism and Social Action**

*Units: 3*

Also known as SOC 10

Advisory: Completion of ENGL A with grade of "C" or better

Hours: 54 lecture

Examines sociological underpinnings of social action and explores unique contributions of feminism in challenging traditional gender scripts. Provides an overview of the ways in which women engage in deliberative social action to change the conditions of their lives and of their communities. Emphasizes sociological theory as applied to issues related to the institutions of family, health, religion, employment, sexual harassment, housing, and interpersonal violence. (CSU, UC)

## **WMST 0095. Internship in Women and Gender Studies**

*Units: 0.5-4*

Designed for advanced students to work in an area related to their educational or occupational goal. Provides new on-the-job technical training under the direction of a worksite supervisor, allowing students to expand knowledge and skills in the chosen field. Mandatory orientation session and faculty approval to determine eligibility. Students may earn up to a total of 16 units in internship courses (any course numbered 95 and PDEV 94). (CSU-with unit limitation)