

Syllabus for UWXGS101

Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

This course focuses on both historical and current ways in which women's lives are shaped by structures of power, and on analyzing how gender works in society and in our everyday lives. Topics include feminist theory, intersectional identity, the social construction of gender, and reproductive justice.

Prerequisite(s)

None.

Course Outcomes

1. Recall and describe major moments in the U.S. women's movement
2. Explain the difference between biological and social construction of gender and sexuality
3. Explain and identify intersectionality-- how the intersection of gender, race, class, sexual orientation, age, ability, etc. determine a person's access to power
4. Analyze the relationship between privilege and oppression
5. Explain and apply feminist praxis, or feminist action and practice

Course Requirements/Components

The course will include a combination of discussions and writing activities covering the following topics.

1. The Study of Feminism
2. Ways of Thinking, Seeing, and Knowing
3. The Social Construction of Gender and Sexuality
4. Gender, Bodies, and Work
5. Privilege and Oppression
6. Privilege and Oppression: Applications
7. Gender & Violence
8. Intersectionality
9. Gender & Sexuality
10. Reproductive Justice
11. Incarcerated Women
12. Women & Popular Culture

13. Creating Change: Feminist Praxis

Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D+	67-69%
D	60-66%
D-	59 and under
F	93-100%

Assignment	Percent of Grade
Dear Professor letter	5%
Learning Activities	30%
Discussions	30%
Project Proposal	5%
Final Project	30%
Total Points	100