

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Below is a list of courses offered for **Summer 2017**.

Note: WGST designates Women's and Gender Studies courses.

WGST 2800A (.5 credit) (JULY-AUGUST)

### **Intersectional Identities**

Course Description: Critical examination of the multiple intersections between gender, as a relation of power and social identity, as these intersect with (neo)colonialism, racism, poverty, ableism and heterosexism in a globalized world.

Prerequisite(s): one of [WGST 1808](#), [HUMR 1001](#), [FYSM 1402](#) or FYSM 1403 or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.

Lectures and discussion three hours a week.

WGST 2801A (.5 credit) (MAY-JUNE)

### **Activism, Feminism, and Social Justice**

Instructor: Karen Herland

This course will critically evaluate the various strategies that feminists have pursued in their attempt to effect social and political change. Students will consider questions including: What is activism? What constitutes feminist activism? How does intersectionality impact a feminist approach to activism? Students are invited to recognize the complementary positions of feminist theory, activist intervention and the academy in developing critical understandings of structural inequality and injustice. This intensive, immersive course will encourage active efforts to translate theoretical concepts into contextualized, informed feminist activist projects

Prerequisite(s): Second-year standing

WGST 3812A (.5 credit) (JULY-AUGUST)

### **Selected Topic: Masculinities in Popular Culture**

Instructor: Peter Balogh

How can we claim to identify masculinity so readily, yet at the same time have so much difficulty defining it? Using feminist, antiracist and queer theory, we will explore how different representations of masculinity, from hegemonic masculinity to female masculinity, are reinforced, resisted, contested and transformed in popular culture. By analyzing music videos, film, advertising, and media representations of headline-grabbing political figures and celebrities, we will develop a more profound understanding of the influence of historical, political, social, and cultural factors on our perceptions and experiences of masculinity today.

Prerequisite(s): third-year standing and 1.0 credit in WGST.

WGST 4812A (.5 credit) (MAY-JUNE)

### **Selected Topic: Feminist Perspectives on Refugees**

Instructor: Hal Goldman

The number of people displaced from their homes by conflict, persecution, and lack of resources reached record levels in 2016 with more than sixty million people on the move. The mass movement of peoples has serious implications for refugees and migrants themselves, the countries they leave, the countries they transit through and the countries where they ultimately settle. Tens of millions of these refugees and migrants are women and girls. This seminar will examine the process of being a refugee through the experiences of women and girls. It will examine why

women and girls become refugees, what they experience as they flee their homes, what life is like for them in refugee camps and in the places where they ultimately settle as well as the legal regimes that govern their rights and expectations. These issues will be explored through student-led discussion of assigned readings, short written assignments and a final research paper on a topic relevant to the course material.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and 1.0 credit in Women's and Gender Studies or permission of the Institute of Women's and Gender Studies.