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M/W 2:15-3:35

HCK-205 C/D

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This is an introductory Women's and Gender Studies course designed to give students an overview of the key concepts and conversations in feminist theory. Over the course of the semester, we will be reading and discussing sex, gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, ability and size and come to an understanding of how these categories organize our lives and our access to knowledge, safety, power and privilege. By analyzing the way that structures and institutions like law, economics, education, religion and media shape our experiences, we can begin to see how our lives are entangled with systems of power and oppression that protect some and endanger others. Through doing this, we will look for possible sites of resistance to oppressive structures and set our sights on ways we can work to build a more liberated future.