

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Course Descriptions
SPRING 2024

Selected Graduate Courses*

Course Number/Title: 16:988:510 – Technologies and Poetics of Gender, Race, and Sexuality

Instructor: Martin Manalansan

Course Delivery: Face-to-Face

Course Description: What, exactly, do we mean by the terms gender, sex difference, sexuality, and race? Over the last decade, race, gender and sexuality studies as an intersectional and interdisciplinary set of fields have been exploring the texture and substance of gender, sex, sexuality, and race as material, social, and psychic phenomena discursive constructs. In the process of beginning to situate the material and social aspects of these notions of embodied difference at the center of inquiry, many scholars have approached this work from various approaches, theories, and methods.

This seminar will introduce students to current, cutting-edge literature in affect, feminist, queer, critical race (including African American Studies, Latinx Studies, Asian American Studies, and Indigenous Studies), and trans studies to trace the genealogies of these projects and view their variegated futures as they continue to influence ongoing debates and conversations. We will read works from literary criticism, cultural studies, ethnography, and experimental writing to better understand and appreciate the multi-stranded engagements with embodied differences.

Course Number/Title: 16:988:517 -- Advocacy: Tactics and Techniques

Instructor: Evelyn Autry

Course Delivery: Face-to-Face

Course Description: Regardless of the feminist cause, there are certain skills that are essential for effective advocacy. This course will assist students in developing basic capacities such as public speaking, agenda setting, issue identification, group facilitation, social mobilization, networking, and coalition building. Students will develop anti-colonial, anti-racist, and anti-sexist gender analysis, feminist writing, researching, and reflective participatory decision-making skills. They also will learn key concepts such as privilege and oppression, intersectionality, decoloniality, and healing justice. Course materials combine intensive case studies of multiple social change mobilizations with activities designed for capacity building. Drawing examples from decolonial feminist theory and praxis, the class will prepare students for the demands of social change activism and advocacy and assist them in cultivating hope, action, and reciprocal care.

Course Number/Title: 16:988:525 – Colloquium in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Instructor: Roxane Gay

Course Delivery: Face-to-Face

Course Description: Students should be comfortable in rigorous, writing intensive graduate seminar.

Course Number/Title: 16:988:603 – Feminist Knowledge Productions

Instructor: Ethel Brooks

Course Delivery: Face-to-Face