



Shih Chien University

STP Program (July 01-Aug 02)

GWS 200 Gender and Sexuality Studies

Course Outline

Course Code: GWS 200

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 144 class hours, including 50 lecture hours, professor 30 office hours, 20-hour TA discussion sessions, 10-hour review sessions, 34-hour extra classes.

Prerequisites: N/A

Course Description :

This course serves as an engaging and comprehensive introduction to the dynamic field of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies. It is designed to foster critical thinking, analysis, and awareness, by exploring the intersections of gender, sexuality, and identity, providing students with a foundational understanding of key concepts, theories, and historical perspectives.

Throughout the semester, students will examine the social construction of gender and sexuality, the intersections of power and privilege, and the ways in which cultural, historical, and institutional forces shape experiences. The course will also delve into feminist movements and theories, tracing their evolution and impact on social, political, and economic structures.

By the end of the course, students will have developed a solid foundation in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, enabling them to critically examine societal structures

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and contribute to ongoing discussions surrounding gender and sexuality. This course welcomes students from diverse academic backgrounds and encourages a respectful and inclusive learning environment.

Required Course Materials:

Saraswati, L. & Rellihan, H. (2017). Introduction to women's, gender, and sexuality studies: Interdisciplinary and intersectional approaches. Oxford University Press.

Grading & Evaluation:

Assignments and Essays (30%) – A literature-informed research essay integrating the theories learned from this class. Grades are given based on thoughtful analyses and application of the relevant theories (40%), evidence-based argument and critical thinking (40%), and overall writing and grammar (20%). The essay is due in the last week of the class.

Midterm exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given in the middle of week 3 to cover all materials previously studied.

Final exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 5 to cover all materials previously studied.

Grading System (1 ~ 100):

Quality Points	Grade	Percentage %
4	A	80-100
3	B	70-79
2	C	60-69
1	D	50-59
0	E	0-49

Course Schedule

WEEK 1

Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies

Historical roots of gender roles and expectations

The evolution of women's rights movements

Feminist Theories I

WEEK 2

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Feminist Theories II

Feminist Theories III

Intersections of gender, race, class

Privilege and oppression

WEEK 3

Sexualities and Identities I

Midterm

Sexualities and Identities II

Sexualities and Identities III

WEEK 4

Media and Popular Culture I

Media and Popular Culture II

Global Perspectives on gender and sexuality I

Global Perspectives on gender and sexuality II

WEEK 5

Globalization and marginalized communities

Activism and Social Change

Feminist and LGBTQ+ activism I

Feminist and LGBTQ+ activism II

Final