FALL 2018 - COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSE NO: 2310-001   DAY & TIME: Tu/Th 8.00 - 9.20am
COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES   INSTRUCTOR: TAVERA
DESCRIPTION: This course provides an introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies as fields that place women and gender at the center of inquiry. The course examines topics such as work, family, reproduction, sexuality, politics, art, literature, and contemporary media. We will explore the diversity of methods and theories employed in Women’s and Gender Studies scholarship, emphasizing the intersection of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and class.

COURSE NO: 2317-001   DAY & TIME: Tu/Th 2 - 3.20pm
COURSE TITLE: HUMAN SEXUALITY   INSTRUCTOR: NAGOSHI
DESCRIPTION: This course focuses on the physiological, psychological, and sociological aspects of human sexuality.

COURSE NO: 3300-001   DAY & TIME: Tu/Th 9.30 - 10.50am
COURSE TITLE: JUVENILE JUSTICE   INSTRUCTOR: DAVIS
DESCRIPTION: This course examines organization, processes, and functions of the juvenile justice system in the United States, its historical antecedents, and contemporary challenges. Discussion includes sociopolitical factors in juvenile justice decision-making.

COURSE NO: 3300-002   DAY & TIME: M 4 - 6.50pm
COURSE TITLE: NATIVE AMERICANS IN POP CULTURE   INSTRUCTOR: AKERS
DESCRIPTION: This course explores the ways in which Indigenous/Native American men and women have been represented in the popular culture of the United States, from the early 1800s through the present. We will analyze how and why this imagery was created, and how it satisfied/s the needs of the dominant culture in order to justify historical systems of oppression, erasure, dispossession, and appropriation of the lands of Native Americans. We examine literature, paintings, fiction, poetry, movies, fashion, and sports mascots, analyzing the stereotypes of ‘savages,’ ‘squaws,’ ‘Indian princesses’ and ‘civilization’. Students will engage in class discussions, group and individual projects, and film analysis, and will create a research project. Both written and oral critical analysis will be required.

COURSE NO: 3300-003   DAY & TIME: MWF 10 - 10.50am
COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION   INSTRUCTOR: JACOBSON
DESCRIPTION: This course investigates the history and sociology of reproduction in the United States through an examination of the cultural norms, social institutions, and personal experiences associated with reproduction. Topics include the changing meaning of children, childbirth education, the experience of birth for both men and women, pre-
natal diagnostic testing, pregnancy loss, adoption, infertility, living “child-free,” new reproductive technologies, sperm/egg donation, and surrogacy.

**COURSE NO:** 3300-004  
**DAY & TIME:** Tu/Th 9.30 - 10.50am  
**COURSE TITLE:** BLACK WOMEN IN SOCIETY  
**INSTRUCTOR:** HILL  
**DESCRIPTION:** TBA

**COURSE NO:** 3305-001, 002  
**DAY & TIME:** MWF 11 - 11.50am, ONLINE  
**COURSE TITLE:** WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES  
**INSTRUCTOR:** CROW  
**DESCRIPTION:** This course is intended to address specific issues of importance to women and their health, including growth and development, nutrition, reproductive health, pregnancy, chronic diseases and relationships and family issues.

**COURSE NO:** 3310-001  
**DAY & TIME:** Tu/Th 11am - 12.20pm  
**COURSE TITLE:** U.S. WOMEN IN HISTORY TO 1900  
**INSTRUCTOR:** COLE  
**DESCRIPTION:** In an era of #metoo, we need to understand the context of what may otherwise seem like an “out of the blue” phenomenon. Therefore, the primary objective of this course is to learn about early American women’s experiences across lines of race, class and region to see the world from their perspective and learn what their issues were. A key element of this survey is to assess in what ways gender has been a formative shaper of those experiences, and when other elements of American women’s identity (class, race, religion) have been more important. Because we cannot cover all aspects of all women’s experiences from first encounters of Native Women with European male explorers through the Chinese immigrant women accused of prostitution in the 1880s, a second major objective is to teach you the skills necessary to acquire and critique additional material on women’s experiences. Lastly, we’ll teach marketable skills -- reading efficiently, writing and presenting with clarity, and developing critical thinking skills.

**COURSE NO:** 3314-001  
**DAY & TIME:** Tu/Th 9.30 - 10.50am  
**COURSE TITLE:** THE LATINA EXPERIENCE  
**INSTRUCTOR:** PRAETORIUS  
**DESCRIPTION:** Examines the social, cultural and economic experiences of Latin American women in the United States, with particular emphasis on Mexican-origin women. The course surveys the historical and contemporary experiences of Latinas in the United States with respect to family dynamics, religion, education, politics, health and illness, the labor market, mass media, and the arts.

**COURSE NO:** 3328-001, -002  
**DAY & TIME:** ONLINE
COURSE TITLE: MARITAL AND SEXUAL LIFESTYLES  INSTRUCTOR: SKILES-DUTOIT

DESCRIPTION: In this online course, we will cover contemporary American lifestyles, including singles, traditional marriages, homosexuals, single-parent families, open marriage, non-marital sexuality, cohabitation, dual-career marriage, childless couples, egalitarian marriages, and families in later life.

COURSE NO: 3331-001  DAY & TIME: MWF 9 – 9.50am

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY  INSTRUCTOR: SHELTON

DESCRIPTION: This course focuses on the family as a social institution, while paying attention to contemporary issues of importance to families. We will pay particular attention to the variety of forms that families take as well as the conceptual tools that can help us make sense of those forms. In this course, we will work toward developing the ability to think critically about how families are organized, how they might be organized differently, and the implications of various family forms for individuals and institutions.

COURSE NO: 3385-001  DAY & TIME: Tu/Th 2 - 3.20pm

COURSE TITLE: WOMEN AND CRIME  INSTRUCTOR: EL SAYED

DESCRIPTION: This course provides an overview of issues related to women as victims, offenders, and professionals in the criminal justice system. We will examine the involvement of women in criminal behavior, focusing on identifying the kinds of crime women are most likely to commit. Special attention in this regard will be given to the treatment that female offenders face in the criminal justice system as well as some special issues related to female offenders in the criminal justice system. The criminal victimization of women will also be examined, with a focus on the types of crime women most often experience as well as the consequences of that victimization. Lastly, attention will be given to women who work in the criminal justice system.

COURSE NO: 4393-001  DAY & TIME: TBA

COURSE TITLE: INTERNSHIP PRACTICUM  INSTRUCTOR: HARP

DESCRIPTION: Supervised internship through which students apply the academic skills they have acquired in Women’s and Gender Studies courses by working in a related business or non-profit environment.

The student intern commits to working for a designated organization for approximately 9 hours a week for 13 weeks during the Fall 2012 semester in an unpaid position. During that time, s/he will be trained and supervised by an employee of the organization, who will keep track of his/her hours, as well as evaluating his/her work. The student will also meet regularly with the Director of Women’s & Gender Studies to report on his/her progress, and will turn in a written report on his/her experiences at the end of the semester.