INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Undergraduate Program Information
The Interdisciplinary Studies Department extends New Mexico State University's reach beyond traditional academic programs to provide educational opportunities for students to meet their academic, professional and personal learning goals. The Interdisciplinary Studies Department offers flexible degree programs in the Bachelor of Applied Studies and the Bachelor of Individualized Studies, giving students the opportunity to develop their own interdisciplinary studies program, appropriate to their unique educational and career goals.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Department also offers a Bachelor of Arts in Gender & Sexuality Studies and an Undergraduate Minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies. The Gender & Sexuality Studies Program at NMSU is an interdisciplinary program focusing on the study of women, gender and sexuality in a global context. Classes in Gender & Sexuality Studies focus on women, gender and other categorical differences, multicultural learning, critical thinking and the integration of theory and practice.

The Interdisciplinary Studies Department offers a new Undergraduate Minor in International Studies, an interdisciplinary program enabling students, regardless of their major area of study, to develop a broad understanding of the rapidly changing global environment by proving a curriculum that encompasses the social, political, cultural and economic forces at work in an increasingly interdependent world.

Minors Recommended for BAS & BIS Majors. Students seeking a Bachelor of Applied Studies or the Bachelor of Individualized Studies degree are encouraged to complete one or more minors offered through various NMSU colleges. A minor is designated on a transcript and consists of a minimum of 18 credits, nine of which must be upper-division. Courses required to complete a minor may be in a single department or interdepartmental, are offered through various NMSU colleges, and are subject to availability. Students seeking to complete a minor must have the minor verified, prior to graduation, by the college academic department administering the minor. Specific requirements for minors may be obtained from the academic department administering a specific minor, the academic department's college dean's office, and in the college departmental listings of this catalog. Note: The College of Business allows only the Business Administration minor for BAS and BIS majors.

Degrees for the Department
Applied Studies - Bachelor of Applied Studies (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/applied-studies-bachelor-applied-studies)

Gender & Sexuality Studies - Bachelor of Arts (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/womens-studies-bachelor-arts)

Individualized Studies - Bachelor of Individualized Studies (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/individualized-studies-bachelor-individualized-studies)

Minor for the Department
Gender & Sexuality Studies - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/womens-studies-undergraduate-minor)

Gender & Sexuality Studies - Graduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/gender-sexuality-studies-grad-minor)

International Studies - Undergraduate Minor (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/interdisciplinary-studies/international-studies-undergraduate-minor)

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Women's Studies
W S 201G. Introduction to Women's Studies
3 Credits
Analysis of the status of women in society today and history and consequences of gender stratification and inequality from the perspectives of sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science, and other sciences.

W S 202G. Representing Women Across Cultures
3 Credits
Historical and critical examination of women's contributions to the humanities, with emphasis on the issues of representation that have contributed to exclusion and marginalization of women and their achievements. Crosslisted with: HON 218

W S 273. Sex and Gender
3 Credits
Same as SOC 273.

W S 316. History of Women in the American West
3 Credits
Experiences and interactions among Native American, Spanish/Mexican, immigrant, and Anglo-American women in the American West from 1500 to the present. Same as HIST 316.

W S 325. Topics in Feminist Philosophy
3 Credits
Same as PHIL 325.

W S 345. Victimology
3 Credits
Same as C J 345.

W S 350. Special Topics
3 Credits
The topic of course will vary and will be indicated by subtitle. May be cross-listed with relevant courses at the 300-level from any specific department. May be repeated under different subtitle(s).

W S 356. Women and Politics
3 Credits
Political socialization of children; women's past and present participation in the public sphere; gender-related public policy issues.

W S 357. Gender and Society
3 Credits
Overview of issues related to gender including how gender is constructed and reproduced in our society. Gender is examined from social psychological and institutional perspectives. Same as SOC 357.

W S 359. Psychology of Women
3 Credits
Same as PSY 359.
W S 360. Masculinities Studies
3 Credits
Explores how contemporary American culture constructs manhood and masculinity. Interrogates ideas and enactments of masculinity, especially as they intersect with race/ethnicity, class, and sexuality. The class asks how sexuality, gender construction, and sex roles inform our understanding of masculinity, as well as how masculinity relates to social power.

W S 374V. Comparative Family Systems
3 Credits
Same as SOC 374V.

W S 380V. Women Writers
3 Credits
Same as ENGL 380V.

W S 381V. Women’s Health Issues
3 Credits
Same as HL S 380V.

W S 382. Women in Mass Media
3 Credits
Same as JOUR 380.

W S 388. Women and Europe I
3 Credits
Same as HIST 388.

W S 397. Law and Sex
3 Credits
Sex-based discrimination and the impact of constitutional and statutory provisions and their judicial interpretations and executive orders and implementations. Same as GOVT 397.

W S 401. Women & Immigration
3 Credits (3)
Exploration of experiences of women immigrants as gender, race and class became increasingly important aspects of US immigration policies in the early 19th century. Explores role of gender in today’s immigration experience.

W S 402. Transnational Feminisms
3 Credits (3)
Explores dimensions of gender, race, class, and sexuality in conjunction with nationalism, anti-capitalist struggles, religious fundamentalism, militarism, globalization, eco-critique, and the politics of resistance and social movements.

W S 403. Gender & Horror
3 Credits (3)
Explores cultural anxieties and crises through the genre of horror as they relate to issues of gender, sexuality, feminism, and race. Traces ways horror films represent and reconfigure notions of sexuality and gender and ways they reinforce and/or challenge social norms.

W S 404. Arab-Muslim Feminisms
3 Credits
Develops a historical understanding of arab-muslim feminisms and homosexuality in Islam. Explores and uses critical feminist theories, language, and methods to counter interlocking discourses of Islamophobia, gendering, and homophobia affecting arab-muslim women.

W S 405. Alternative Genders and Sexualities
3 Credits
Introduces students to cultural study in the academic fields of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and Queer Studies. Examines academic texts as well as literature and film from different historical moments and social/global sites.

W S 406. Women and Human Rights
3 Credits
Analysis of human rights violations and injustices as they relate to the lives of girls and women. Examines international political, legal, economic and socio-cultural implications of violence that target women and girls. Focusing on different countries, discusses social, political, economic, and human rights.

W S 407. Gender and Graphic Narrative
3 Credits
Examines graphic novels that disrupt stereotypical ideas about genre, gender, race, class sexuality, as well as common notions about comics. Considers texts that address underrepresented experiences.

W S 408. Food and Representation
3 Credits
Examines contemporary food writing as a way to study identity, social structures, and notions of acceptability. Explores how constructions of food shape bodies, desires, and notions of belonging.

W S 411. Gender and Migration
3 Credits
Explores multiple experiences of forced migration and displacement. Examines violence, structural dislocation, neoliberalism, globalization, economic collapse and civil war. Discusses local, regional and global responses to creating meaningful change in communities most affected by migration.

W S 420. Girls, Women and Crime
3 Credits (3)
Critical social science analysis of concepts of violence and justice as experienced by women impacted by the criminal justice system. Restricted to C J, W S majors. Crosslisted with: C J 420

W S 422. Advanced Study in a Literary Form or Genre
3 Credits
Same as ENGL 422. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

W S 433. Women, Gender, and Culture
3 Credits
Same as ANTH 433.

W S 450. Special Topics
3 Credits
The topic of course will vary and will be indicated by subtitle. May be cross-listed with relevant courses at the 400-level from any specific department. May be repeated under different subtitle(s).

W S 451. Women's Studies Practicum
3 Credits
Supervised field work in community setting relating to women. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

W S 453. Women and Politics
3 Credits
Crosslisted with: GOVT 353
W S 454. Women Crossing Borders
3 Credits
Experiences of women who cross class, race, cultural, national, or sexual borders including theories regarding women's interactions across borders. Emphasis will vary with professor and discipline.

W S 455. Feminist Research Methods
3 Credits
Feminist research practices and methodologies utilized in various disciplines. Definitions of research, what constitutes valid inquiry, how research can be feminist, and what it means to do interdisciplinary work.

W S 459. Advanced Issues in Sex and Gender
3 Credits
Same as HIST 474.

W S 461. Women's Studies: Independent Study
3 Credits
Individual study of selected topic and writing of research paper. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

W S 465. Sex, Gender and the Body
3 Credits
Examines forces at work in defining and differentiating gender, race, sexuality. How ideas about what is 'natural' and 'normal' for men and women shifted over time. Considers different discourses shaping embodied experiences and categories of identity.
Prerequisite(s): None.

W S 466. Global Sexualities
3 Credits
Generates a global context to focus on sexual identity and orientation, sexual identity politics, romantic relationships, patterns of sexual behavior, sexual regulation and the impact of different cultures on individual sexualities. Taught with W S 568. Crosslisted with: SOC 468

W S 469. Gender and Sexuality in Hispanic Film
3 Credits
The study of gender and sexual orientation issues in relation to identity as portrayed in Hispanic cinema. Taught in Spanish but assignments accepted in English. Crosslisted with: SPAN 469

W S 471. Seminar in Feminist Theory
3 Credits
Current feminist theory. Topic changes by semester. Course subtitled in the Schedule of Classes. Prerequisite: None.

W S 474. Gender in East Asian History
3 Credits
Same as HIST 474.

W S 481. Hate Crimes and Hate Groups
3 Credits
Explores the phenomenon of hate-motivated violence. Examines the hate crime laws, organized hate groups and social theories attempting to explain violent hate.

W S 482. Gender and Popular Culture
3 Credits
Intensive study of the representations of gender in popular culture. Examines the historical, aesthetic, and cultural contexts of these representation and the various critical and theoretical lenses we use to understand them. Repeatable under different subtitles. May be repeated up to 99 credits.

W S 484. Women's Literature
3 Credits
Intensive study of literature by women, in particular historical, aesthetic, cultural, or intellectual contexts. Repeatable under different subtitles. Crosslisted with: ENGL 481

W S 501. Advanced Women & Immigration
3 Credits (3)
Advanced exploration of experiences of women immigrants as gender, race and class became increasingly important aspects of US immigration policies in the early 19th century. Explores role of gender in today's immigration experience.

W S 502. Advanced Transnational Feminisms
3 Credits (3)
Advanced analysis of dimensions of gender, race, class, and sexuality in conjunction with nationalism, anti-capitalist struggles, religious fundamentalism, militarism, globalization, eco-critique, and the politics of resistance and social movements.

W S 503. Advanced Gender & Horror
3 Credits (3)
Advanced analysis of anxieties and crises through the genre of horror as they relate to issues of gender, sexuality, feminism, and race. Traces ways horror films represent and reconfigure notions of sexuality and gender and ways they reinforce and/or challenge social norms.

W S 504. Advanced Arab-Muslim Feminisms
3 Credits
Advanced study of historical and contemporary arab-Muslim feminisms and homosexuality in Islam. Explores and uses critical feminist theories, language, and methods to counter interlocking discourses of Islamophobia, gendering, and homophobia affecting Arab-Muslim women.

W S 505. Advanced Alternative Genders and Sexualities
3 Credits
Advanced study of the academic fields of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and Queer Studies. Examines academic texts as well as literature and film from different historical moments and social/global sites.

W S 506. Advanced Women and Human Rights
3 Credits
Advanced analysis of human rights violations and injustices as they relate to the lives of girls and women. Intensive examination of international political, legal, economic and socio-cultural implications of violence that target women and girls. Focusing on different countries, explores social, political, economic, and human rights.

W S 507. Advanced Gender and Graphic Narrative
3 Credits
Advanced examination of graphic novels that disrupt stereotypical ideas about genre, gender, race, class sexuality, as well as common notions about comics. Considers texts that address underrepresented experiences.

W S 508. ADVANCED FOOD PRESENTATION
3 Credits
Advanced examination of contemporary food writing as a way to study identity, social structures, and notions of acceptability. Intensive exploration of how constructions of food shape bodies, desires, and notions of belonging.
W S 511. Advanced Gender and Migration
3 Credits
Advanced exploration of multiple experiences of forced migration and displacement. Intensive examination of violence, structural dislocation, neoliberalism, globalization, economic collapse and civil war. Discusses local, regional and global responses to creating meaningful change in communities most affected by migration.

W S 520. Advanced Girls, Women & Crime
3 Credits (3)
Advanced critical social science analysis of concepts of violence and justice as experienced by women impacted by the criminal justice system. Crosslisted with: C J 520

W S 522. Graduate Study in a Literary Form or Genre
3 Credits
Same as ENGL 522.

W S 533. Advanced Issues in Women, Gender, and Culture
3 Credits
Same as ANTH 533.

W S 545. Advanced Victimology
3 Credits
Study of the risk factors in crime victimization, the impact of crimes upon victims, and the role of the victim in the criminal justice system, consideration of the impact of criminal justice policy on victim outcomes. Same as CJ 545.

W S 550. Special Topics
3 Credits
The topic of course will vary and will be indicated by subtitle. May be cross-listed with relevant courses at the 500-level from any specific department. May be repeated under different subtitle(s).

W S 554. Advanced Issues in Women Crossing Borders
3 Credits
Experiences of women who cross class, race, cultural, national, or sexual borders including theories regarding women's interactions across borders.

W S 555. Advanced Feminist Research Methods
3 Credits
Advanced feminist research practices and methodologies utilized in various disciplines. Definitions of research, what constitutes valid inquiry, how research can be feminist, and what it means to do interdisciplinary work.

W S 561. Independent Graduate Research in Women's Studies
3 Credits
Individual study of selected topics and writing of a research paper. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Graded S/U.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

W S 565. Advanced Sex, Gender & the Body
3 Credits (3)
Advanced examination of forces at work in defining and differentiating gender, race, sexuality. How ideas about what is 'natural' and 'normal' for men and women shifted over time. Considers different discourses shaping embodied experiences and categories of identity.

W S 567. Global Sexualities
3 Credits
Generates a global context to focus on sexual identity and orientation, sexual identity politics, romantic relationships, patterns of sexual behavior, sexual regulation and the impact of different cultures on individual sexualities. Taught with W S 468. Crosslisted with: SOC 568

W S 569. Gender and Sexuality in Hispanic Film
3 Credits
The study of gender and sexual orientation issues in relation to identity as portrayed in Hispanic cinema. Taught in Spanish but assignments are accepted in English. Crosslisted with: SPAN 569

W S 571. Advanced Seminar in Feminist Theory
3 Credits
Current feminist theory. Topic changes by semester. Course subtitled in the Schedule of Classes.

W S 574. Gender in East Asian History
3 Credits
Same as HIST 474 with differentiated assignments for graduate students. Required for graduate credit.

W S 582. Gender and Popular Culture
3 Credits
Intensive study of the representations of gender in popular culture. Examines the historical, aesthetic, and cultural contexts of these representation and the various critical and theoretical lenses we use to understand them. Repeatable under different subtitles. Crosslisted with: ENGL 582

W S 584. Women's Literature
3 Credits
Intensive study of literature by women, in particular historical, aesthetic, cultural, or intellectual contexts. Repeatable under different subtitles. Crosslisted with: ENGL 581

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