



Women's & Gender Studies Courses for **Interession & Spring 2026**

Interession 2026

LIT 207 Literature of Global Minorities (CL, D, EPW), E. Zanzana, TBA (web-based)

Examination of racial and ethnic groups in the Americas and across the globe. Examination of the historical context and current situation of indigenous or diasporic minorities, women-as-minority, and other marginalized groups. Readings in English translation from literature and other disciplines. Cross listed with Women's & Gender Studies Concentration and the Peace and Justice Program. *Fulfills Area C requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

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CHS 333 Multiculturalism in Counseling and Human Services (D, SL), P. Datti, TR 4:00-5:15

Focuses on current social and cultural issues in human services and related fields. Human development in a multicultural society will be examined and the basic objectives and dimensions of multicultural intervention will be defined. Student self-awareness of values, attitudes, and beliefs will be emphasized. Includes community-based learning component. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

CHS 337 Counseling Girls and Women (D), Instructor TBA, R 5:00-7:40

This course is designed to explore the topic of counseling girls and women in a sociocultural, historical, and multicultural context. Through the examination of the history of women (e.g., social construction of gender-identity) from a self-in-relation foundation, and feminist counseling and its role in de-pathologizing the importance of relationships to girls and women will be explored. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

CHS 375 Counseling LGBTQ Persons, P. Datti, W 5:00-7:40

Examines development of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning plus (LGBTQ+) persons and cultures. Intersections of affectional/sexual orientation and gender identity with other variables including race, spirituality/religion, and disability are emphasized. Myths, stereotypes, and implications of managing marginalized identities are reviewed along with strategies to provide affirmative services to population. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

COMM 229 Gender and Communication (D, S), K. Pavlick, TR 1:00-2:15

This course focuses on interactive relationships between gender and communication in contemporary American society by examining the multiple ways communication in families, schools, media and society in general creates and perpetuates gender roles. The course considers not only what is in terms of gender roles, but also what might be and how students, as change agents, may act to improve their individual and collective lives. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major or an elective for the WGS major or concentration.*

ENLT 222 (Formerly 254) "Bodybuilding": Narratives of Health and Ability (CL, D), B. Tadros, MWF 2:00-2:50

(Prerequisites: at least one ENLT class at 120-179, 184 level or higher) This course critically explores the cultural stories we tell about illness, injury, and disability, examining how these narrative models impact the material realities of people's lives and bodies, and how they both reflect and (re)produce ideological assumptions underlying social institutions and power structures, including those pertaining to gender. *Fulfills Area C requirement for the WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

LIT 225 Monsters, Aliens & Superheroes: The Other in French and Italian Cinema (D, EPW), M. Caporale, TR 2:30-3:45

This course explores how the issues of exceptionality, aberration, and deviation from established social and cultural norms are represented in French and Italian Cinema across different time periods. Course will focus on marginality based on gender, immigration, disability, age, as well as monstrosity in a literal and figurative sense. *Fulfills Area C requirement for the WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

PHIL 232 Women in Chinese and Western Philosophies (P, D), A. Pang-White, MW 3:00-4:15

(Prerequisites: PHIL 120 and PHIL 210) This course introduces philosophies of women in Chinese thought from the classics in Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist traditions to iconoclastic writings, and juxtaposes them with Western thought. This comparative approach seeks to gain better insight on gender dynamics across traditions, their cultural limitations and their potentials for transcendence beyond post-colonial critique. *Fulfills Area A requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

PS 216 Women's Rights and Status (D, S), J. Harris MWF 1:00-1:50

This course examines public policies that impact the legal, political, economic, and social status of women in the U.S. A historical exploration of women's rights will be the foundation for the examination of women's rights and status today. The future prospects of women's rights and status will also be discussed. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

PS 335 Women in the Global Community (D), Instructor and Day/Time TBA

Examines women's experiences in a global context. Studies women who emerge as elected political representatives and policy makers in various international arenas. Considers women as citizens in a complex global community, by exploring the abuse of women in war, and women's empowerment to fight global poverty and protect women's rights. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

PSYC 237 Psychology of Women (D, S), C. Slotterback, MWF 2:00-2:50

(Prerequisite: Grade of C or higher in PSYC 110, AP or Transfer Credit) Examines the biological, sociological and cultural influences on the psychology of women. Topics include gender socialization, sex roles, and the impact of gender on personality, communication, achievement, and mental health. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

SOC 210 Marriage & the Family (D, EPW), L. Wolfer, TR 1:00-2:15

An historical, comparative, and analytical study of marriage and family institutions. Problems of courtship, mate selection and marriage adjustment in modern society. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

SOC 222 Gender in Society (S, D), G. Patackas, T 5:00-7:40

This course is an overview of the sociological perspective on gender and gender inequality. Various sociological theories and research on gender will be examined, including intersectional and feminist perspectives. How gender affects self-identity, family life, work, politics, sexuality, and other areas of society will be addressed. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

SOC 224 Race and Ethnic Relations (D, S), K. Williams, Two sections: MWF 2:00-2:50 and MWF 3:00-3:50

An introduction to the sociology of race and ethnicity, this course focuses on the historical construction and continued significance of these categories over time. Various racial and ethnic group experiences will be studied in terms of their treatment by dominant social institutions and their access to social, cultural, and political power in the United States. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

SOC 315/WOMN 215 Feminism and Social Change (D), P. Datti, TR 2:30-3:45

This course examines the relationship between feminism and social change, studying feminist movements and how feminist ideologies, strategies, and individuals influenced social movements. It also explores outcomes of women's movements, the mobilization of counter-movements, and the consequences of feminism for society for various organizational and professional roles and for individual women. *Fulfills Area B requirement for WGS major, or an elective for WGS major or concentration.*

Notes in italics indicate how course fulfills various WGS concentration or major requirements. Students may take multiple Foundational/Praxis courses and/or Area courses as electives in the WGS program. WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES COURSES COUNT TOWARDS THE MAJOR OR CONCENTRATION AS WELL AS ANY OTHER GE, MAJOR, MINOR, OR COGNATE COURSES THAT THEY MAY FILL, MAKING IT EASY FOR MOST STUDENTS TO COMPLETE A WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES CONCENTRATION AND FOR MOST TO COMPLETE THE WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES MAJOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Dr. Howard Fisher, Director of Women's & Gender Studies, howard.fisher@scranton.edu, St. Thomas Hall 4124, 570-941-7513.