

SUMMER AND FALL 2024 UNDERGRADUATE COURSE NARRATIVES

Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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WST 2600: Human Sexual Behavior

Summer B: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 2:30—4:45 PM (CRN 51403) with Jennifer Ellerman-Queen, M.A..

Fall: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30—4:45 PM (CRN 91917) with Jennifer Ellerman-Queen, M.A.

Fall: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30—1:45 PM (CRN 91954) with Jessany Maldonado, Ph.D.

Let's talk about sex!

Mainstream America is awash in mixed and often conflicting messages about sex. On one hand we are bombarded by sexually explicit imagery, yet there is a conspiracy of silence when it comes to having frank, honest discussions about sex. In this class we will begin to delve into and pull apart notions about sex and gender from historical, social, cultural, political, and biological perspectives in an effort to create a holistic and interdisciplinary paradigm that more accurately encompasses human experience.

We will touch on topics such as: sexual response, double standards, gender vs. sex, gender roles, masculinity, heteronormativity, gender non-conforming, birth control, sexually transmitted infections, sexy safer sex, sexual expression and variation, and sexual violence/coercion. In addition to spirited discussions, there will be in-class activities, and videos that will allow students the opportunity to engage in problem-solving that embraces sex-positive and equitable answers to questions current issues faced across mainstream American culture.

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WST 3602: Intro to LGBTQ Cultures

Summer C: Offered online (CRN 54326) with Jessany Maldonado, Ph.D.

Specifically, this course introduces the interdisciplinary study of gender—the social creation and cultural representation of femininity and masculinity and other forms of gender expression — by examining relevant beliefs, practices, debates and political struggles. Lectures, readings, and class discussions consider how people of different ethnicities, classes, and nationalities in various historical periods and different societies have assumed and expressed gendered identities. Topics may include: the scientific study of sexual differences; sexuality; romantic love and marriage; parenthood; reproduction; birth control and new reproductive technologies; interpersonal violence; fitness, health, body image, and popular culture; the sexual division of labor and economic development; and feminist movements.

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WST 4930: Global Sexual Economies

Fall: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30—4:45 PM (CRN 91936) with Tatsiana Shchurko, Ph.D.

This course examines how gendered bodies and sexual practices are regulated in national and

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WST 4930: Queer Hope and Pleasure

Fall: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30—1:45 PM (CRN 96043) with Dana Ahern, Ph.D.

In his 2009 text, *Cruising Utopia: The Then and There of Queer Futurity*, José Muñoz describes the possibility for queerness through opening oneself up to the “perception of queerness as

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