

## WS 201G M70

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# Introduction to Women's & Gender Studies

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This online mini-semester course presents students with an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies by focusing on contemporary work that highlights the richness of the many lenses informing contemporary thinking in this area. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is an academic field of inquiry that employs knowledge and methodologies from multiple disciplines to analyze the ways gender functions within societies. To study gender means to not only study women as a category of analysis: we will study gender as it intersects with race, class, sexuality, dis/ability, and nation (to name a few intersecting categories). No category of identity stands alone. The concepts we will study are informed by feminisms, ethnic studies, critical race studies, queer theory and sexuality studies, disability studies, critical legal theory, cultural studies, and postcolonial studies. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies allows students to explore critical questions about histories, political mobilizations, identity categories, theoretical approaches, and fields of study.

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