

WGSS3350: Gender, Society & Feminist Theory

(Fall 2014)

Doing Gender! An Introduction to Feminist Theory and Methodology



This foundational course for the new major will introduce students to feminist theory and the tools of scholarly research and analysis in gender studies. The course will expand on intersectionality as a frame of analysis and expose students to a genealogy of writings in gender studies that has been foundational to social activism around issues of gender justice in our communities today. Students will have the opportunity to research and write about their own topic of interest in a final project for this course and educate their peers about what they have learned. Topics might include women in politics, equal pay, violence against women, masculinity, transgender rights, sexual assault on campus, environmental justice, community organizing, women of color feminism and more. This course will include readings and guest lectures by UH faculty across a range of disciplines whose scholarship and teaching focuses on women's, gender and sexuality studies. Students will gain an understanding of many research methodologies that they then may choose to carry forward into to the WGSS capstone course or to a range of other disciplines for which a greater understanding of feminist theory and methodology will be an asset.