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FALL 2011 COURSES

Critical Gender Studies 2A – Intro to Critical Gender Studies: Social Movements

Kirstie Dorr, Department of Ethnic Studies

In this course, we consider several contemporary U.S. social movements—reproductive justice, welfare rights, marriage equality, and labor struggles—in relation to various histories of feminism.

Critical Gender Studies 100 – Conceptualizing Gender: Theories and Methods

Sara Clarke Kaplan, Critical Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies

If, as feminist scholars have argued for decades, gender is not a ‘natural’ category, but a social construct, then how, precisely, is it constructed? This course offers a survey of how different scholars, writers, artists, and activists have sought to answer that question. Drawing upon historical and contemporary readings, film, and new media viewings, and current political and cultural events, we will explore both the key theoretical frameworks and various methodological approaches used in critical gender studies. We will challenge ourselves to complicate our understandings of seemingly natural concepts such as ‘male/female,’ ‘man/woman,’ and ‘homosexual/heterosexual’ as we experience them in our own daily lives and perceive them in the world around us. Our work will be carried out with a primary goal in mind: developing our own interdisciplinary critical apparatus through which we can better understand not only the conditions under which ‘gender’ is lived, but the terms through which the very concepts of sex, gender, and sexuality are produced, negotiated, and transformed.

Critical Gender Studies 190 – Honors Seminar

Patrick Anderson, CGS Director

Interdisciplinary readings in feminist theory and research methodology to prepare students for writing an honors thesis. Open to Critical Gender Studies majors who have been admitted to Critical Gender Studies Honors Program. Prerequisites: admission to Critical Gender Studies Honors Program and department approval required.



Departmental Courses Applicable/ Petitionable to CGS Major and Minor

#Course is eligible for major/minor credit but must be petitioned. Please see CGS advisor for assistance with the petition.

Some departmental courses may require prerequisites. If you have not met the prerequisites you may contact the department directly to ask for preauthorization.

Arts & Humanities

#HIUS 115 - History of Sexuality in the U.S.

#LTCS 131 - Topics in Queer Cultures

Social Sciences

#COSF 185 - Gender, Labor, and Culture in the Global Economy

#COHI 136 - Gender and Science

#ETHN 137 - Latina Issues and Cultural Production

#SOC1 129 - The Family

SOCI 132 - Gender and Work