

WGQS 001H: Introduction to Women's Studies

This course introduces students to the study of women and gender, from an intersectional perspective. The course provides an overview of the "waves" of women's rights movements in U.S. history and debates about women's roles in society as well as critiques of "wave" theory. With this grounding in a variety of feminist discourses, students have the opportunity to explore contemporary women's rights issues in both local and global contexts. Topics include: the social construction of gender; race, class, sexualities, and disabilities in different cultures; women's sexualities and gender identities; health and reproductive issues;