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A strong interdisciplinary program focusing on new scholarship on women and gender, the Women's Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh helps students broaden their understanding of women's roles in culture and society. With a rich curriculum and teaching faculty from diverse backgrounds, Pitt's undergraduate Certificate in Women's Studies offers students the chance to explore an intellectually exciting field and add another dimension to their major area of study.

One of the oldest programs of its type in the country, Pitt's program was founded in 1972 with three faculty members and five course offerings. It became a model for similar programs at universities throughout the nation. Today, the program has grown substantially, with more than 50 affiliated faculty and more than 100 courses for students who wish to expand their scholarly horizons.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
1220 Deviance and the Law
1240 Female Offender in Society
1242 Gender, Race, Class, and Crime

AFRICANA STUDIES
0034 The Psychological Experience of African American Females
0035 Antebellum Black Women’s History
0042 Africana Urban Women
1003 Female Playwrights before 1959
1009 Women of Africa and the African Diaspora
1022 Sex and Racism

ANTHROPOLOGY
0669 Sex and Evolution
1540 Special Topics in Archaeology
1731 Women and Gender in the Third World
1734 Gender in East Asia
1738 Gender Perspectives in Anthropology
1772 Anthropology of Women

CLASSICS
0034 Women and Men in the Ancient Mediterranean

COMMUNICATION
1123 Rhetorical Criticism
1148 Rhetoric and Human Rights
1732 Gender and the Media

ECONOMICS
0430 Women in the Labor Market

ENGLISH
0203 Seminar in Composition: Women’s Studies
0610 Women in Literature
0630 Sexuality and Representation
1128 Women in Shakespeare
1280 Contemporary American Women Writers
1570 Myth and Folklore
1574 Legendary Figures: Eve and Pandora
1703 Women and Film
1704 Women Novelists
1772 Adoption Literature
1900 Literary Criticism and Women's Literature
1910 Senior Seminar: Dramatizing American Women

FRENCH
1085 Women's Voices in French Literature

HISTORY
0788 Women and Men in Ancient Mediterranean
1005 Special Topics: History of Japanese Women
1154 European Families
1163 Women and the Law
1560 Women in Latin American History
1660 United States Women 1
1661 United States Women 2
1662 University Honors College: Topics in Women's History

HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE
0402 Women Artists 1550–1980
1500 Special Topics: American Women Artists

LEGAL STUDIES
1315 Sex, Law, and Marriage

LINGUISTICS
1235/2235 Language, Gender, and Society
1263 Cross-Cultural Communication

MUSIC
1398 Women and Music in Cross-Cultural Perspectives

PHILOSOPHY
0380 Introduction to Feminist Thought

POLITICAL SCIENCE
1204 Women in Politics
1622 Women and Political Theory

PSYCHOLOGY
0184 Psychology of Gender
1110 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality
1130 Special Topics on the Psychology of Gender

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
1620 Women in Religion

SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
1200 Russian Women's Writing

SOCIOLOGY
0438 Sociology of the Family
0446 Sociology of Gender
0460 Minority Groups
1105 Feminist Social Theory
1365 Race, Gender, and Development
1448 Working Women

WOMEN'S STUDIES
0030 Women and Society
0031 Introduction to Women's Studies in the Social Sciences
1140 Special Topics
1142 Feminist Theory
1900 Internship
1901 Independent Study
BEYOND
THE CLASSROOM

- Interdisciplinary Studies Major
  A women's studies interdisciplinary major can be designed in conjunction with women's studies faculty members.

- Elective Courses
  Women's studies courses may be taken to meet general education requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) or distribution requirements in the College of General Studies (CGS). Courses may also be taken as electives in many different departments.

- Lectures and Conferences
  The Women's Studies Program regularly sponsors lectures and conferences on topics related to the new scholarship on women and gender.

- Prizes for Student Research
  With the cosponsorship of many units within the University, the program awards annual prizes for the best undergraduate and graduate student research papers on women and gender. Recent donations have enabled us to help some students with funding for work in progress.

- Resources for Diversity
  The Women's Studies Program actively encourages all faculty wishing to make their courses inclusive in methodology and in curriculum. We have a collection of bibliographies and syllabi for inclusive courses and frequently sponsor seminars and lectures for this purpose.

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Diversity Statement for Women's Studies Courses
Pitt's Women's Studies Program is committed to understanding and representing women in their real social diversity, which includes differences in race, age, sexuality, ability, culture, religion, and other factors. Dealing with these differences makes courses more responsible both socially and intellectually, and it also responds to women's studies students' legitimate expectation that there will be attention to social diversity in their course work. We encourage faculty teaching courses cross listed or initiated by women's studies to attend to differences among women in ways appropriate to the subject matter and focus of the course. Making course contents more diverse is both challenging and rewarding.