Women's and Gender Studies Spring 2015 Course Offerings

COMM 304 Gender Communication
Tuesday, Thursday 3:05PM – 4:20PM, EHFA, Room 247 **Wendy M. Weinhold**
Monday, Wednesday 4:00PM – 5:15PM, Brittain, Room 244 **Deborah C. Breede**

Gender Communication inquires into the connections among four areas of study: gender, identity, culture, and communication. Students explore the multiple ways that gender roles are created and sustained through communication in such contexts as families, schools, the workplace, and the media.

ENG 351 Language, Gender and Power **Rebecca L. Childs**
Tuesday, Thursday 10:50AM – 12:05 PM, EHFA, Room 248

(Writing Intensive) The course investigates language structure and usage patterns in the context of gender to achieve a better understanding of the way language reflects the changing roles of women and men. Differences in gender-based language use, language references, and the perceptions, attitudes and behaviors related to these differences are examined.

ENG 409 Theories of Gender & Sexuality **Cynthia Port**
Tuesday, Thursday 3:05PM – 4:20PM, EHFA, Room 166

(Writing Intensive) In this course, we will explore theories that have contributed to current debates about representations of men and women, constructions of femininity and masculinity, and the implications of sexuality. The first half of the course will focus on several key essays in feminist theory. In the second half of the term, we will explore other developments in gender and sexuality studies, including the origins of queer theory and transgender studies. The study of theoretical works will be interspersed with the application of those theories to works of literature and film. Over the course of the semester we will consider the intersections of gender with race, class, age, and nationality as we examine the relevance of reading, writing, and filmmaking to our understanding of gender and sexuality.

HRPO 310 Issues in Family Life /Human Sexuality
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00AM - 11:50AM, Kearns, Room 108 **Fredanna M'Cormack**
Tuesday, Thursday 12:15AM - 01:30AM, Kearns, Room 201 **Christine Beyer**
OR Distance Learning

An overview of problems and questions relative to family life and sex education. Topics include: communication, relationships, intimacy, marriage, parenting, male/female sexual anatomy, sexually transmitted diseases, contraceptives and childbirth.

PSYC 301 Psychology of Marriage **Cynthia Nycum**
Monday 06:00PM - 08:45PM, Myrtle Beach Education Center, Room 112

A survey of the psychological issues related to marriage. Topics include spouse selection, sexuality, child bearing, parenting, divorce, remarriage, and aging.

RELG 360 Women and World Religions **Preston L. McKever-Floyd**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:05PM – 4:20PM, Prince, Room 208

This course will examine issues in religion or sanctioned by religion that are uniquely related to women. Some of the issues that will be addressed are images of women in religious texts, women serving religions (i.e. ministers, priests, rabbis, etc.), female genital mutilation, arranged marriages, bride-price, polygamy and female infanticide in their historical and social context.

SOC 301 Gender & Society **Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl**
Tuesday, Thursday 1:40PM – 2:55PM, EHFA, Room 170

This course examines gender in terms of men's and women's identities and normative behaviors that occur in gendered institutions within an inequitable, patriarchal social structure that allots power and privilege to men over women, across all classes and races

SOC 305 Sociology of the Family Lisa Winters
Distance Learning

Sociological perspectives related to various aspects of family behaviors, roles and values.

SOC 355 Race & Ethnicity Hephzibah V. Strmic-Pawl
Tuesday, Thursday 4:30PM – 5:45PM, Wall, Room 317
A socio-historical, theoretical, and empirical analysis of race and ethnicity, with primary emphasis on U.S. relations and trends. Cultural, political, and economic relationships on the basis of race/ethnicity are examined. Issues of prejudice, discrimination, and racism are explored as well as strategies for individual and collective action that promote equality and social justice for all races/ethnicities.

SOC 465 Sociology of AIDS Susan Webb
Tuesday, Thursday 12:15PM – 01:30PM, EHFA, Room 253

(Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.) A seminar for advanced undergraduates, this course involves student research on HIV/AIDS transmission, incidence, prevalence, and prevention worldwide and analyzes HIV/AIDS within the framework of social stratification, social movements, social deviance, social control, and international development.

PHIL 347 Philosophy of Race, Gender, & Justice Julinna Oxley
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00PM – 12:50PM, Smith, Room 219

This course will examine philosophical issues in race, gender, and justice, including the metaphysics of race and gender, race and gender as biological and social constructs, and race and gender as systems of oppression. The second part of the course will evaluate ethical issues such as racial profiling, affirmative action, marriage equality, sexual harassment, and other forms of inequality related to race and gender, as well as psychological research on implicit bias and stereotype threat. To apply what they have learned for the purposes of social change, students will plan and execute a campus project on the topic of their choice.

WGST 103 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
Tuesday, Thursday 01:40PM - 02:55PM, EHFA, Room 246 **Linda McCulloch**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 01:00PM - 01:50PM, Prince, Room 108 **Angie Fitzpatrick**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 02:00PM – 02:50PM, Prince, Room 103
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This interdisciplinary course draws on a variety of academic disciplines, such as sociology, philosophy, politics, history, anthropology, biology, psychology, and literary studies. It is designed to offer an introduction to some of the current issues in women's and gender studies, such as the construction of gender and its consequences for both women and men; family, work, wages, and welfare; sexuality, violence, reproduction, and body image; femininity, masculinity, race and class; international feminisms and cross-cultural gender issues; feminist theory, politics, and activism.

WGST 305 Gender & Sexuality in Pop Culture **Angie Fitzpatrick**
Monday, Wednesday 04:00PM – 05:15PM, Prince 101

An interdisciplinary examination of the social constructions of race, class, gender, and sexuality in US media including music, film, and television. Students will explore how cultural meanings of identity, difference, and power are generated, disseminated, and produced through media production and consumption. The class will cover a broad range of representations from television's earliest housewives in the 1950s to the "real housewives" of the 21st century and everything in between.

WGST 498 Capstone Seminar **Julinna Oxley**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00PM - 12:50PM, Smith 219

A capstone course for the Woman's Studies minor, which will present issues of gender, culture, and society as viewed through framework of feminist theory.

Special Cross-List Courses – See Dr. Oxley for Enrollment:

HIST 451 History of Modern Medicine and the Body **Amanda M. Brian**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00PM – 1:50PM, EHFA, Room 250

This course examines the development of scientific medicine as well as medical and scientific approaches to the body in the West from 1800 to the present. The course may focus on the making of modern physicians and patients, transformations in public health and epidemiology, and the roles of gender and race in treating "unhealthy" bodies.

POLI 399 Global Women's Leadership **Holley E. Tankersley**
Independent Study

(Prereq: Written contract between student and instructor, approved by the Assistant Dean, School of Humanities and Fine Arts.

SOC 498 *E2 Sp. Tp. in SOC: Social Justice **Deborah Perkins**
Wednesday 06:00PM – 08:45PM, Brittain Hall, Room 108

Reading and research on selected subjects in sociology. Open only to juniors and seniors with the consent of the instructor.