MULTICULTURAL AND GENDER STUDIES (MCGS)

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Typically Offered: Fall and spring
An introduction to the concepts, terminology, and issues in Native American, African American, Asian American, and Latinx/Chicano studies, examined primarily through the scholarship and lived experiences from these communities. Analysis of the intersection of race and racism as they relate to class, gender, LGBTQIA2S+, national origin, immigration status, ability, tribal citizenship, sovereignty, and language. 3 hours lecture. (021257)

General Education: Ethnic Studies (F)
Grade Basis: Graded
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<td>The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the United States</td>
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<td>Fall and spring</td>
<td>Analysis of the role of race and ethnicity in the American political process, including a critique of their role in local, state, and national elections. Factors accounting for participation and non-participation will be analyzed. 3 hours lecture. (000137)</td>
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<td>Sociology of Gender</td>
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MCGS 350 Issues in Racial and Ethnic Equity 3 Units GE, USD
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course examines from a social-cultural-historical perspective various racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Race and ethnicity are central constructs that provide students with perspectives on equity in relation to the four dominant groups in Ethnic Studies: Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander; Black/African American; and Native American/American Indian. The course examines historical, theoretical, and representational views of equity, as well as community-driven responses, across the changing demographics of the nation. 3 hours lecture. (005640)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Race, Ethnicity, and Sovereignty Pathway
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; US Diversity

MCGS 380W Gender, Race, Sexuality, Science, and Society (W) 3 Units W
Prerequisite: Recommended: MCGS 155, QTST 310, or WMST 170.
Typically Offered: Spring only
An exploration of how science and culture have affected people's understandings of gender and sexuality, in both Western and non-Western cultures, from ancient times to the present. 3 hours lecture. (005642)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course

MCGS 389 Informed Activism and Internship 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission, MCGS or SOSC majors/minors only.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
A seminar designed to complement the 120-hour fieldwork portion of your service/advocacy/activism internship in the area of multicultural, gender, and/or sexuality studies. Learn and practice the kinds of thinking, researching, and skill building that enhances any service and activism work you may choose to do in the future, as well as what you are engaged in during your internship. In order to pass this course you must receive a review of at least "satisfactory" from your fieldwork supervisor. No more than 3 units may be counted toward the major or minor. 0 hours seminar. (005647)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 398 Special Topics 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from semester to semester and be different for different sections. Students will read, research, and discuss specific themes in multicultural and gender studies. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 1 hour lecture. (002607)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 398H Special Topics - Honors 3 Units
Prerequisite: Department permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from semester to semester and be different for different sections. Students will read, research, and discuss specific themes in multicultural and gender studies. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (015713)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 399 Special Problems 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (005644)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 401W Sexual Minorities Law/Politics (W) 3 Units GE, USD, W
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1); GE Written Communication (A2); GE Critical Thinking (A3); GE Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) requirements, or consent of the instructor.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Students examine how the law (made by judges, legislators, and voters) has influenced and continues to influence the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. Students critically analyze how the rights of sexual minorities have developed or failed to develop. The class includes discussion of gay movements’ politics, accomplishments, and opponents. Finally, contemporary issues surrounding legal and political issues that impact sexual minorities are addressed. 3 hours lecture. (020186)
General Education: Upper-Division Social Sciences (UDD); Gender and Sexuality Pathway
Cross listing(s): LEGL 401W
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; US Diversity; Writing Course

MCGS 451B Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Analysis of judicial cases and related materials illustrating historical and current interpretations of constitutional problems such as racial discrimination, criminal procedures, and freedom of speech and religion. 3 hours lecture. (005645)
Cross listing(s): LEGL 451B
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
MCGS 458 Leading Social Change 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
The course provides in-depth and advanced study of theories, analyses, and practical applications of leadership styles and structures, prioritizing those which consciously incorporate intersectional, inclusive, non-hierarchical and feminist approaches that center the marginalized. The course is meant to enhance practical leadership experiences as well as prepare you for the field of leadership in social justice movements, including the non-profit sector, government and policy advocacy. Additionally, a focus on learning to sustain ourselves and those we work with are a core area of study. 3 hours lecture. (021916)
Cross listing(s): CHLX 458, WMST 458
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 480 Sex Work, Queer Desire, and Transfeminism 3 Units
Prerequisite: MCGS 155, WMST 170.
Typically Offered: Fall only even years
An interdisciplinary and transnational study of sex work, sex tourism, pornography, queer desire, and BDSM, as well as an introduction to transgender history and transfeminist analysis. 3 hours lecture. (021914)
Cross listing(s): CHLX 480, WMST 480
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 488 Prison Industrial Complex 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course is designed to introduce key issues of mass incarceration and the prison industrial complex (PIC), to critique efforts that uphold and those that attempt to dismantle it, and to study contemporary writings about the PIC. We focus on a number of ideas regarding the economic, social, political, and cultural consequences of U.S. mass incarceration. Additional objectives for this course include: clarifying core issues of the PIC; investigating its impact on society; examining theoretical and activist approaches to challenges of the PIC; studying ways in which race and racism, social class, gender, immigration policy, and capitalism are profoundly woven into the PIC; and practicing and improving written and verbal communication skills; and exercising analytical thinking. 3 hours lecture. (021926)
Cross listing(s): SOCI 488
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 495W Senior Seminar in Multicultural and Gender Studies (W) 3 Units  W, GW
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Exploration of theory and extended research in the field of multicultural and gender studies leading to a public presentation. This course is designed as the capstone experience for multicultural and gender studies majors and minors. 3 hours seminar. (002610)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment

MCGS 498 Special Topics in MCGS 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from semester to semester and be different for different sections. Students will read, research, and discuss specific themes in multicultural and gender studies. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours supervision. (005648)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 499 Special Problems 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 0 hours supervision. (021366)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 499H Honors in the Multicultural and Gender Studies Major 3 Units
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing, 9 units of upper division work in the major.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Independent study resulting in a scholarly or creative piece involving substantial research and resulting in an undergraduate thesis and public presentation or findings. The research and writing is done under the supervision of a faculty mentor for a total of 6 units in two semesters. 9 hours supervision. (021513)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

MCGS 598 Special Topics 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. 0 hours lecture. (022492)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division