

Liberal Studies Option I: Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture and Society

Overview

This option offers students the opportunity to pursue an integrative interdisciplinary course of study that will provide them with a broad base of knowledge and skills. The knowledge and skills developed in this option prepare students for careers in fields such as education, law, journalism, publishing, government, business, and non-profit work.

Requirements

Students in Option I must take a total of 180 units: 72 units of General Education requirements, 6-8 units of University Requirements, 18 units of Liberal Studies core requirements, 8 units of required courses in Liberal Studies, 40 units in a concentration or two 20 unit depth areas, and 34-36 units of free electives. Of the 40 units taken in the concentration or depth areas, 28 units must be upper division (300- or 400-level courses). For more details, please see the Option I degree checksheet available in the Liberal Studies department office (ET A405).

Concentration in Women's and Gender Studies (40 units)

The Women's and Gender Studies Concentration is an interdisciplinary program of study that takes as its central object of study gender in culture and society. This concentration draws from the traditions of feminist scholarship in a wide variety of disciplines, from the natural and social sciences through the humanities and arts. Although the field of women's studies has always looked at the construction of gender and gendered roles and representations, the use of "gender studies" makes the focus both general and specific: students critically analyze gender in the context of class, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation, and explore gender as a category that structures power, as a set of cultural meanings to be interpreted, and as a set of bodily performances.

Requirements for the Concentration in Women's and Gender Studies

Required Courses (8 units)

WOMN 200 Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
WOMN 400 Women's and Gender Studies: Theories and Methods

Natural Science Perspectives (4 units). Select one course from the following:

ANTH/PHIL 388 Measurement of Human Diff
BIOL 388N/PSY 388 Sex and Gender
LBS 386 Gender in Science

Social Science Perspectives (8 units). Select two courses from the following:

ANTH 338 Gender Roles in Cross-Cult Pers
CHS 280 Chicanas and Latinas in U. S. Soc
CHS 480 Chic Feminisms & Women's Move
CRIM 370 Women and Crime
HIST 357 Gender in History
HIST 459 Sexuality in the Americas
HIST 485 US Women to 1877
HIST 486 US Women 1877 to Present
KIN/WOMN 441 Gender, Sport, and Culture
PAS 405 Black Feminism
PAS 406 Black Women Leaders
PAS 412 Third World Women and Development
POLS 310 Gender, Politics, and Government
PSY 419 Psychology of Gender
RELS 335 Gender in the Div of World Religions
SOC 341 Sociology of Gender Roles
SOC/WOMN 416 Fem Theor and Contemp Soc
SOC 441 Research Gender in Soc Institutions
SOC 443 Diversity in Alternative Families
TECH 250 Technology on the Ind and Society
WOMN 203 Gender and Race in the US

Arts and Humanities Perspectives (8 units). Select two courses from the following:

COMM 475 Feminism and Communication
COMM 479 Sex Roles in Communication
ENGL 260 Women and Literature
ENGL/TVF 379 Gender and Sex in Popular Culture
ENGL/COMM 385 Sex and Gender in Lang and Lit
ENGL453 Modern men Writers
ENGL 470 American Women Writers
LBS 390 Race, Class, and Gender in the Classroom
PHIL 327 Philosophy, Gender and Culture
PHIL/WOMN 413 Issues in Feminist Philosophy
WOMN 203 Gender and Race in the United States
WOMN 454 Special Topics in Women's Studies
WOMN 491 Proseminar: Women's Studies (1-4)
WOMN 499 Undergraduate Directed Study (1-8)

Electives (12 units)

With major advisor approval, students select 12 units of coursework from the above courses or from related courses.