

WOMEN'S, GENDER AND QUEER STUDIES (WGQS)

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WGQS Courses

WGQS 1101 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Introduction to key terms and debates central to Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies as a field of inquiry/engagement. Introduction to intersectionality, WGQS in global/transnational contexts, WGQS understandings of structural/systemic inequities, WGQS approaches to activism, coalition building, and social change. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

WGQS 1145 Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing on Gender and Sexuality (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 1B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area A3

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 1A with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A2 for the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: Completion of GE Area 1C with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A1 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Principles of reasoning in argumentation. Examination of rhetorical principles and responsible rhetorical behavior. Application of these principles to written and oral communication. Effective use of research methods and sources, all in relation to WGQS topics. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Area 1B with a grade of C- or better (GE Area A3 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly WGQS 145.

WGQS 2201 Gender and Sexuality in US Society and Politics (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4A

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D1

USCP

Survey and exploration, via intersectional frameworks, of the ways that gender and sexuality have impacted, and been impacted by, US society and politics, from the formation of the US as a settler colonial nation-state into the present day. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as HNRS/WGQS 2201. Fulfills GE Area 4A (GE Area D1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly HNRS 204/WGQS 201.

WGQS 2270 Special Topics (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 3 lectures. Formerly WGS/WGQS 270.

WGQS 2301 Gender and Sexuality in Visual and Popular Culture (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 3A

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area C1

Survey and exploration of key developments in visual and popular culture, considered through the lenses of intersectional approaches to gender and sexuality, and examined across multiple mediums and practices including: visual art, film, television, performance, mass media and/or material culture. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as HNRS/WGQS 2301. Fulfills GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly HNRS/WGQS 210.

WGQS 2401 Sexuality Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later catalog: GE Area 4B

2020-26 catalogs: GE Area D2

Introduction to sexuality in cultural/historical contexts. Changing definitions of human sexuality, cultural/social regimes that control and create sexuality, contemporary issues of sexual orientation and sexuality in relation to gender and race. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as HNRS/WGQS 2401. Fulfills GE Area 4B (GE Area D2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

WGQS 3301 Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Contemporary issues in Women's and Gender Studies with an emphasis on the relationships between constructions, experiences and expressions of gender and interlocking systems of sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, disability, and size in local, national, and transnational contexts. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly WGQS 301.

WGQS 3302 Contemporary Issues in Queer Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Exploration of contemporary issues as addressed within the interdisciplinary field of Queer Studies, with an emphasis on the relationships between constructions, experiences and expressions of sexuality and interlocking systems of race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, disability and gender in local, national, and transnational contexts. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly WGQS 302.

WGQS 3305 Feminist and Queer Methodologies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and completion of one course in WGQS.

Examines feminist and queer critiques of established methodologies in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences disciplines and explores and engages with feminist and queer methodologies developed both across disciplines and within WGQS. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Formerly WGQS 305.

WGQS 3311 Sociology of Gender and Sexuality (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

Prerequisite: One of the following: SOC 110, SOC 1110, WGQS 201, or WGQS 2201.

Analysis of social constructions of sex, gender, sexuality. Explores how gender stereotypes are created and reproduced. Focus on media representations, intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality. Effects on individuals and structures of work, education, family, and abusive relationships. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as SOC/WGQS 3311. Formerly SOC/WGQS 311.

WGQS 3324 Psychology of Gender (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: PSY 201 or PSY 2201.

Exploration of psychological theories and research of individual, interpersonal, cultural, and sociopolitical influences on gender. A focus on intersectionality of gender with race/ethnicity, class, and sexuality. Consideration of implications for relationships, mental and physical health, and sexuality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as PSY/WGQS 3324. Formerly PSY/WGQS 324.

WGQS 3325 Masculinity Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Analysis of hegemonic and counter-hegemonic masculinities through a critical, interdisciplinary, and intersectional examination of the social construction of manhood in the U.S. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly WGQS 325.

WGQS 3327 Intersectional Feminist Art Histories (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and one of the following: ART 112, ART 1112, ENGL 272, ENGL 2272, WGQS 210, or WGQS 2301; or one of the following: WGQS 1101, ART 212, ART 2212, ART 315, or ART 2215 and completion of GE Area 3A (GE Area C1 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Intersectional feminist exploration of the role of women, gender, and sexuality in the visual arts and art history. In-depth focus on intersectional feminisms as they impact the study of the visual arts and art history. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Crosslisted as ART/WGQS 3327. Fulfills Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly ART/WGQS 375.

WGQS 3330 Feminist/Queer Transnational Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Intersectional, interdisciplinary investigation of gender and sexuality in transnational contexts. Exploration of the ways that gender and sexuality shape, and are shaped by, colonialism, globalization, nation-building, development, migration, and human rights. Social justice organizing/movements around the world and transnational activism. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly WGQS 330.

WGQS 3335 Feminist Studies of Popular Culture and Whiteness (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Feminist approaches to the analysis of representations of whiteness in contemporary media and considerations of the US cultural values these images illuminate. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ISLA/WGQS 3335. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ISLA/WGS 335.

WGQS 3336 Feminist Ethics, Gender, Sexuality and Society (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP
Prerequisite: Junior standing or Philosophy major; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Critical examination of the relations between gender, sexuality, ethnicity, society and ethics from feminist perspectives, with special attention paid to problems in contemporary applied ethics. Joint focus on theory and application. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as PHIL/WGQS 3336. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly PHIL/WGQS 336.

WGQS 3345 Queer Ethnic Studies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

USCP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Theories, research, and methods focused on the interlocking systems of sexuality, race, racialization, and ethnicity in local, national and comparative global/transnational contexts. Relationships between racialization and heteronormativity. Queer of color critique, queer migration, decolonizing queer organizing, theory, and knowledge production. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as ES/WGQS 3345. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly ES/WGS 345.

WGQS 3350 Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 2/5

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area B

USCP
Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 5B (GE Area B2 for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: one course in Computer Science, Data Science, or Statistics.

Examines the complex relationships between gender, race, culture, science, and technology via intersectional quantitative and qualitative inquiry, centering the perspectives/contributions of historically marginalized people in the United States. Explores, evaluates, and develops proposals to create more diverse, equitable, ethical, humane science/technology. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures, 1 activity. Crosslisted as ES/HNRS/WGQS 3350. Fulfills GE Areas Upper-Division 2 or Upper-Division 5 (GE Area Upper-Division B for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP. Formerly ES 350/HNRS 353/WGQS 350.

WGQS 3351 Gender, Race, Class, Nation: Critical Computing and Engineering Studies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 4

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area D

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Areas D1 or D2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Explores the new fields of Critical Computing and Engineering Studies. Relationships of engineering and computer science with the interlocking systems of gender, race, class, and nation. Coloniality, decoloniality, and development. Liberatory design futures in local, national, comparative transnational contexts. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as ES/WGQS 3351. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for students on the 2020-26 catalogs). Formerly ES/WGQS 351.

WGQS 3360 Feminist Studies of Disability in Popular Culture (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Feminist analysis of representations of disability in popular culture. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as ISLA/WGQS 3360. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs).

WGQS 3370 Religion, Gender, and Society (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of GE Area 3B (GE Area C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Critical examination of religious ideas and institutions in the United States. Focus on interlocking systems of sex, gender, race, class and religion; individual and group experiences at the intersection of religion, politics and culture. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 lectures. Crosslisted as RELS/WGQS 3370. Fulfills GE Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs); and USCP. Formerly RELS/WGQS 370.

WGQS 3385 Porn Studies (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: F

2026-28 or later: Upper-Div GE Area 3

2020-26 catalogs: Upper-Div GE Area C

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs); completion of GE Area 2 with a grade of C- or better (GE Area B4 for the 2020-26 catalogs); and completion of one lower-division course in GE Area 3 (GE Areas C1 or C2 for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of porn studies. Surveys queer and feminist frameworks devised for conceptualizing pornography and its relation to art, popular culture, and politics. 4 lectures. Fulfills Upper-Division 3 (GE Area Upper-Division C for students on the 2020-26 catalogs) and USCP.

WGQS 4400 Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

Prerequisite: One WGQS course and consent of instructor.

Individual investigation, research studies, or surveys of selected problems. Repeatable up to 6 units. Formerly WGQS 400.

WGQS 4401 Seminar in Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and one course in WGQS.

Intensive study of a selected theme in Women's, Gender, and Queer Studies, with an emphasis on the relationships between constructions, experiences and expressions of gender, sexuality, and interlocking systems of race, ethnicity, religion, class, nation, age, and disability in local, national, and transnational contexts. The Class Schedule will list subtitle selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Formerly WGQS 401.

WGQS 4417 Feminist Legal Theory (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 4A (GE Area D1 for the 2020-26 catalogs) or graduate standing. Recommended: POLS 112 or POLS 1112.

Different approaches to United States feminist legal theory and topics in gender and U.S. law. Concepts covered include employment, domestic violence, sexual harassment, reproductive justice, sex work, rape, and welfare reform. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Crosslisted as POLS/WGQS 4417. Formerly POLS/WGQS 417.

WGQS 4421 The History of Prostitution (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: completion of one upper-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for the 2020-26 catalogs), HIST 303, HIST 3303, or graduate standing.

Comparative history of prostitution from antiquity to the present. Analysis of prostitution from social, cultural, political, gendered and economic perspectives. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as HIST/WGQS 4421. Formerly HIST/WGQS 421.

WGQS 4423 Gender and Work (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

USCP

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and completion of GE Area 1 with grades of C- or better (GE Area A for the 2020-26 catalogs).

Relationship between social institutions of gender and work. Extent, causes, and intersectional nature of workplace gender inequality. Individual, organizational, and social strategies to create more egalitarian organizations and challenge gender and work norms and underlying assumptions. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as SOC/WGQS 4423. Fulfills USCP. Formerly SOC/WGQS 423.

WGQS 4434 United States Women's and Gender History to 1877 (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: completion of one upper-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for the 2020-26 catalogs), HIST 303, HIST 3303, or graduate standing.

Histories of ideologies and experiences of gender and sexuality from colonial period through the United States Civil War. Engagement with various sources to explore and understand histories of gender and sexuality as they reflect and shape United States culture and society. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 seminars. Crosslisted as HIST/WGQS 4434. Formerly HIST/WGQS 434.

WGQS 4435 United States Women's and Gender History since 1877 (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: completion of one upper-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for the 2020-26 catalogs), HIST 303, HIST 3303, or graduate standing.

Histories of ideologies and experiences of gender and sexuality in the United States from 1877 to the present. Intersectional exploration of how historical transformations of gender roles and sexuality shape, and are shaped by, significant changes in United States culture and society. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 seminars. Crosslisted as HIST/WGQS 4435.

WGQS 4450 Feminist Theory (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: SP

USCP

Prerequisite: One WGQS course. Recommended: WGQS 1101, WGQS 201, or WGQS 2201.

Advanced critical examination of past and present themes in feminist theory. Focuses on how intersections of gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, class, and disability shape lived experience, embodiment, social relations, and social systems, animated by Black feminisms's commitment to liberatory theory. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 seminars. Fulfills USCP. Formerly WGQS 450.

WGQS 4455 Queer Theory (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Junior standing; and one course in WGQS.

Philosophical foundations, intellectual history, and current directions of queer theory, understood as the critical study of sexuality. Intersections among sexuality and other material and discursive systems, including race, ethnicity, class, disability, and nationality. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 4 seminars. Formerly WGQS 455.

WGQS 4457 U.S. Reproductive Politics (3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: Completion of GE Area 4A (GE Area D1 for the 2020-26 catalogs). Recommended: POLS 112 or POLS 1112.

Multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the law and politics of reproduction in the United States. Histories of reproductive regulation, abortion law and politics, technology and fertility, and social policy and reproductive control. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 3 seminars. Crosslisted as POLS/WGQS 4457. Formerly POLS/WGQS 457.

WGQS 4458 Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe (4 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One of the following: completion of one upper-division course in GE Area 4 (GE Area Upper-Division D for the 2020-26 catalogs), HIST 303, HIST 3303, or graduate standing.

Social, economic, political, and cultural effects of changing gender systems in modern Europe, particularly but not exclusively with regard to sex and sexuality. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as HIST/WGQS 4458. Formerly HIST/WGQS 458.

WGQS 4467 Women's, Gender & Queer Studies Internship (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: F, SP, SU

CR/NC

Prerequisite: One course in Women's, Gender & Queer Studies and consent of WGQS Internship Director.

Supervised work experience in approved agency. Intern subject to the duties/responsibilities of employees engaged in comparable work. Focus on gender, sexuality, independent utilization of WGQS concepts. Repeatable up to 6 units. Credit/No Credit grading only. Formerly WGQS 467.

WGQS 4470 Special Advanced Topics (1-3 units)

Term Typically Offered: TBD

Prerequisite: One WGQS course and consent of instructor.

Directed group study of special topics for advanced students. The Class Schedule will list topic selected. Repeatable up to 6 units. Course may be offered in classroom-based, online, or hybrid format. 1 to 3 lectures. Formerly WGQS 470.