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UNST 150. Global Learning and Living: Madison International. 1 credit.
This course provides an opportunity for a diverse cohort of international and U.S. students to learn from and about each other through stimulating discussions, intercultural residence hall programs and the opportunity to participate in service learning.
UNST 151. Making Sense of Beliefs and Values: A Guided Tour for Global Citizens. 3 credits.
This course explores the origin and nature of beliefs and values and how they are linked to actions, policies and practices around the world. These processes are examined through a range of big picture issues (e.g., religious, political, environmental, gender-based, cultural) that are relevant to all global citizens. Through dynamic speakers, discussions, readings, activities and lectures, this course helps students develop a deeper understanding of self, others and the larger world.
UNST 390. Special Studies in University Studies. 1-3 credits.
Designed to give students an opportunity to complete independent study and/or research under faculty supervision in university studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.
UNST 398. Practicum in University Studies. 1-3 credits.
Selected practicum experiences, which provide students with supervised practicum experiences. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.
UNST 490. Advanced Special Studies in University Studies. 1-3 credits.
Exploration of a significant topic in depth. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.
UNST 498. Internship in University Studies. 1-3 credits.
The course allows students to receive academic credit for work experienced in an agency or organization related to university studies. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor.

Vocational Education

College of Education
VOED 383. Curriculum and Instructional Procedures in Vocational Education. 3 credits.
The study and development of techniques and methods to provide vocational education instruction to secondary school students. Competencies to be developed will include planning for instruction, applying different methodologies and assessing student performance and progress. The relationship of vocational education to other curricular areas will also be addressed.
VOED 490. Special Studies in Vocational Education. 1-3 credits.
In-depth examination of selected topics that are current and relevant in the field of vocational education. Offered with the approval of the program director. Course may be repeated for credit when the content included changes.

Women’s and Gender Studies

Cross Disciplinary Studies
WMST 200. Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies. 3 credits.
Cross disciplinary introduction to theories and scholarship in Women’s Studies. Examines the social construction of gender, how gender affects access to opportunity, and the experiences and contributions of women throughout history. Provides a foundation for subsequent work in the Women’s Studies minor.
WMST 300. Special Topics in Women’s Studies. 3 credits.
Examination of selected topics of importance to the field of women’s studies.
WMST 325. Gender and Violence. 3 credits.
This course explores the public nature of private violence, specifically violence committed against women in U.S. culture. Students will investigate the social, political and personal meaning of violence within a gendered context. Throughout the course students will analyze the ways in which demographic, social, cultural, economic and political factors teach us to think about women in violent terms as well as help perpetuate violence against women. Students will consider violence not only in its physical dimension, but also in its symbolic and structural manifestations. Students will also examine the ways in which ideas about race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality affect the degree and types of violence committed against women.
WMST/SOCI 337. Sociology of Gender. 3 credits.
Examination of theories of sex role development, the roles of men and women in society and gender as a social construction.
WMST/JUST 341. Gender and Justice. 3 credits.
This course is an interdisciplinary examination of the causes, structure and consequences of gender oppression. Consistent with the social justice track of the major, notions of fairness, justice and equality with respect to gendered social, political and economic relations will be examined.
WMST/SCOM 348. Communication and Gender. 3 credits.
Study of theories and research regarding the influence of gender in various human communication contexts, both public and private. Emphasis on the critical analysis of existing theory and empirical research and the potential competent uses of communication for social change. Prerequisite: Any 100-level COM course.
WMST/PHIL 350. The Philosophy of Feminism. 3 credits.
An intermediate-level examination of philosophical problems in feminist theory and feminist contributions to philosophy.
WMST/ENG 368. Women’s Literature. 3 credits.
A study of literature by women.
WMST/ENG 370. Queer Literature. 3 credits.
An exploration of texts and issues in literature written by and about gay and lesbian writers, including critical and theoretical issues as well as questions of canon. Text studied may include fiction, poetry, drama, essays and memoirs written primarily, but not exclusively, in the 20th century.
WMST 400. Issues and Research in Women’s Studies. 3 credits.
The capstone seminar for the Women’s Studies minor. Focuses on readings in feminist philosophy, history and literature. Students will engage in research in critical issues affecting women’s lives. Prerequisites: WMST 200 and nine hours in the Women’s Studies minor.
WMST/SCOM/WRTC 420. Feminist Rhetorics. 3 credits.
Surveys key women figures in classical and contemporary rhetorical traditions and challenges the strategies used to historicize this tradition from feminist perspectives. Explores diverse feminist rhetorical discourses informed by race, sexual orientation, ethnicity and social class. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing.
WMST/ENG 466. Studies in Women’s Literature. 3 credits.
Advanced study of women’s literary achievements in several cultural and historical contexts. May be focused by theme. Prerequisite: ENG 367 or ENG 388.
WMST/ISAT 485. Gender Studies in Science. 3 credits.
An interdisciplinary course that looks at the scientific process, science practitioners and science students through the lens of gender analysis. Students read literature, lead discussions, perform experiments and analyze both data and processes to address the effects of educational systems on the preparation and careers of scientists, the influence of politics and culture on scientific inquiry, and the effects of critiques grounded in gender analyses on understanding the scientific process.
WMST 490. Independent Studies in Women’s Studies. 3 credits.
Designed to give capable students in women’s studies an opportunity to complete independent study under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: Admission by recommendation of the instructor and permission of the program coordinator.
WMST 492. Internship in Women’s Studies. 1-3 credits.
Provides the student with practical experience in employing and refining women’s studies concepts in a public or private agency, under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: Nine hours of women’s studies courses, including WMST 200.
WMST 495. Special Topics in Women’s Studies. 3 credits.
In-depth examination of selected topics of current importance to the field of women’s studies. Offered only with approval of the program coordinator and dean of the College of Arts and Letters. May be repeated for credit when course content changes. Prerequisite: WMST 200 or consent of instructor.

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