

Gender Studies Sequence

Claremont McKenna College offers a sequence in gender studies through participation in the six campus Intercollegiate Women's Studies Program of The Claremont Colleges. The curriculum is particularly well-suited to the CMC focus on leadership in business, public affairs, and the professions.

The gender studies sequence is designed to accompany a major in another academic discipline. With its emphasis on the relationships between gender and society historically and cross-culturally, and on the changes now occurring in the roles of women and men, on the participation of women in the major institutions of society, and on women themselves, the sequence is an ideal accompaniment to virtually any major at CMC. The transcript indicates official completion of this sequence. Interested students must consult with Professor Bilger or Professor Cody, Gender Studies faculty advisors for CMC.

Sequence Requirements

The gender studies sequence requires completion of five courses, distributed as follows:

1. **ID 26. Introduction to Women's Studies**, or another course in gender theory approved by the CMC faculty advisor
2. **One course comparing women's roles in different times and cultures**
3. **One course on the basic biological or psychological nature of women**
4. **Two elective courses** to be selected in consultation with a CMC faculty advisor

At least one of the five courses must be completed at CMC.

Majors in Gender and Women's Studies

CMC students may elect to complete a full major in Women's Studies through Pomona College or Scripps College. A major in Gender and Feminist Studies is available through Pitzer College.

The Faculty

CMC Faculty: CMC faculty liaisons familiar with the gender studies sequence and off-campus offerings in their discipline include the following faculty: Bilger (literature), Cody (history), Gilbert (religious studies), Selig (history), Shelton (modern languages), and J. Smith (economics).

Courses

Students may choose from a wide array of courses in the intercollegiate and interdisciplinary Gender Studies Program. The courses listed below are not meant to be exhaustive, but suggest the kinds of courses at Claremont McKenna College and the other Claremont Colleges that may fulfill the requirements of the sequence. Listings with descriptions of all courses to be offered each semester are available from the Intercollegiate Women's Studies office at Scripps College: <http://www.scrippscol.edu/dept/wstudies/index.htm>.

GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES OFFERED BY THE INTERCOLLEGIATE AND INTERDISCIPLINARY WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

26. Introduction to Women's Studies. Staff

A cross-disciplinary examination of the study of women. Current analysis of women's past and present role in society, their creativity, their physical, emotional, and intellectual development, and their sexuality will be examined by historians, psychologists, anthropologists, sociologists, biologists, economists, political scientists, artists, and literary critics. Offered every semester.

36. Introduction to Queer Studies. Gilmore

This course will introduce students to the field of queer studies. We will address changing definitional concepts

of sexuality and their historical, social, and political meanings; the centrality of cultural difference to the establishment of sexualities; and the political nature of medical and historical knowledge about sexuality and normativity. We begin with a solid grounding in the development of a visible lesbian and gay movement in the United States as a basis for understanding contemporary developments in queer theory, performance, and politics. Offered occasionally.

181. Feminist Community Engagement: Interdisciplinary Theory and Praxis. Staff

This course integrates theory and practice by including a seminar component and required hours in an outside setting. The objectives are interdisciplinary, so placements will range from organizations dealing with legal or policy issues, organizations providing direct social services, apprenticeships with feminists in the field, to placements in museums, bookstores, and dance/theatre companies. The overriding themes will be empowerment through application of academic theory, and the interrelatedness of gender, race, class, and sexuality. Students will be encouraged to make the connection between work/theory/self/community. Prerequisite: ID 26, or permission of instructor. Offered occasionally.

184. Junior Seminar in Feminist Theory. Gilmore

This seminar introduces students to feminist theory by focusing on the persistence of the category of the body and diversity of theorizing about it. Questions include: What is the difference between the female body in non-feminist and feminist theories? What sort of evidence can the body be said to provide of gender, identity and difference? How have feminist theorists understood the materiality of the body, the experience of embodiment, and the relation of the body to the psycho? We will examine ways to both to do and undo gender through embodied performance and feminist theories of performativity. Prerequisite: ID 26, or permission of instructor. Offered occasionally.

190. Senior Seminar in Women's Studies. Staff

An overview and integration of work in women's studies through readings, student-led discussion and analysis of interdisciplinary issues. Guidance on research and writing the thesis. Throughout the semester students also meet with the instructor and adviser in their discipline and/ or department. Senior majors only. Offered every fall semester.

GENDER STUDIES COURSES OFFERED AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

• **Economics**

178. Economics of Population

• **Government**

187. Women and the Law
190. Women and the Political Process

• **History**

105. Sex and Gender in the Ancient Mediterranean World (seminar)
140. Family, Women, and Social Change in Western Europe, 1500-1945
148. Women and Gender in European History, 1450-1815
167a. Gender and History in South Asia (seminar)
175. Women and Politics in America (seminar)
176. American Families (seminar)

• **Literature**

72. Jane Austen
77. Richard Wright and Zora Neal Hurston
108. Early Women Writers: Medieval
126. 20th-Century Black Poetics
164. British Feminist Literature
166. Feminist Theory
167. Gay and Lesbian Writers
170. Women and Comedy
175. Women's Magazines and the Female Journalist.

• **Psychology**

116. The Psychology of Child, Family, and Work

• **Religious Studies**

118. Hindu Goddess Worship
163. Women and Gender in Jewish Tradition
175. Visions of the Divine Feminine: An exploration of the Goddess in World Religions from Ancient to Modern Times

COURSES AT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES

For elective courses at The Claremont Colleges, consult the following listings:

• **Anthropology**

Pitzer College, Pomona College, and Scripps College

• **Art and Art History**

Pomona College, Scripps College, and Black Studies

- **Asian American Studies**
Pitzer College and Scripps College
- **Asian Languages and Literature**
Pomona College
- **Classical Studies**
Scripps College
- **Economics**
Pomona College
- **Environmental Studies**
Pitzer College
- **Gender and Feminist Studies**
Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, and Chicano Studies
- **Government and Politics**
Pitzer College and Pomona College
- **History**
Pomona College, Scripps College, and Chicano Studies
- **Interdisciplinary**
Black Studies
- **International and Intercultural Studies**
Pitzer College
- **Linguistics**
Pitzer College
- **Literature and English**
Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, and Black Studies
- **Media Studies**
Pitzer College
- **Modern Languages and Literatures**
 - French:*
Pomona College, and Scripps College
 - German:*
Scripps College
 - Italian:*
Scripps College
 - Japanese:*
Pomona College
 - Russian:*
Pomona College
 - Spanish:*
Pomona College
- **Modern Languages and Literatures in Translation**
 - Chinese:*
Pomona College
- **Music:**
Scripps College
- **Philosophy**
Pomona College and Scripps College
- **Psychology**
Pitzer College, Pomona College, and Scripps College
- **Religious Studies**
Pitzer College, Pomona College, and Scripps College
- **Sociology**
Pitzer College, Pomona College, and Chicano Studies

For more detailed information on course offerings, please consult the *Fall 2007* and *Spring 2008 Undergraduate Schedule of Courses*. Further information and course descriptions may be found in the appropriate College catalogs.

