

DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Kathleen Ingram, Ph.D.

Associate professor and chair

gsws.vcu.edu (<http://gsws.vcu.edu>)

Gender, sexuality and women's studies provides a broad interpretation and view of diversity, including the interdisciplinary, cross-cultural examination of women's perspectives and experiences, masculinity and femininity, and heterosexuality and alternate sexualities as culturally constructed and socially experienced.

- Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, Certificate in (Post baccalaureate graduate certificate) (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/college-humanities-sciences/gender-sexuality-womens-studies/gender-sexuality-womens-studies-certificate>)

GSWS 501. Feminist Theory. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This seminar provides an overview of the theories of feminisms.

GSWS 602. Feminist Research Epistemology and Methods. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This course explores the implications of feminist theorizing across disciplinary and cultural contexts for both epistemology (theories of knowledge) and methods (theories and approaches in the research process). Students will examine how knowledge and power intersect, how gender theory and feminist politics influence research, how the knower influences knowledge production and how social location shapes inquiry. Students will experiment with feminist methods and approaches to researching issues related to gender, sexuality and women, and ethical considerations as these issues affect vulnerable populations.

GSWS 620. Theorizing Sexuality. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This course examines and explores constructions of human sexuality (sexualities) and theorizes how these constructions operate within contemporary culture.

GSWS 622. Women and Public Policy. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This seminar differentiates theories of feminisms and explores the effects of policies, or their absence, for women in the U.S., briefly examining theories of policymaking and the policy process in relation to feminist theories and the feminist project.

GSWS 624. Gender and Cultural Production. 3 Hours.

Semester course; 3 lecture hours. 3 credits. This seminar takes as a starting point an understanding of culture as the expressive practice of meaning making that lies at the intersection of art, imagination, technology, space and politics.

GSWS 691. Topics in Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies. 1-3 Hours.

Semester course; 1-3 lecture hours. 1-3 credits. Course may be repeated with different topics as approved. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. An in-depth study of a selected topic in gender, sexuality and/or women's studies. See Schedule of Classes for specific topics to be offered each semester.

GSWS 692. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.

Semester course; variable hours, variable credit. Maximum 4 credits per semester. Maximum total of 4 credits in all independent study courses. Prerequisites: completion of 6 credits in gender, sexuality and women's studies courses.