Course ID: SOCI(WMST)(LACS) 4280. 3 hours.

Course Title: Global Perspectives on Gender

Course Description: The diverse social and cultural manifestations of gender located within an economic, social, and political context. Case studies drawn from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

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Prerequisite: SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1101H or SOCI 2600 or permission of department

Semester Course Offered: Not offered on a regular basis.

Grading System: A-F (Traditional)

Course Objectives: After critiquing Western-origin theories and understandings of gender, this course surveys research on gender as it is manifested and constructed in different cultural contexts of the modern world. The course develops a comparative perspective and explores the ways in which gender intersects with other important status attributes such as nationality, race-ethnicity, sexual orientation, and social class in a global division of labor.

Students will be asked to demonstrate their mastery of the course content in a research paper.

Topical Outline:

I. Theories of gender in global perspectives
   Critiques of Western models
   Theories of the origin of gender distinctions
   Multiracial feminist theories of gender
   Theories of gender and development

II. Gender in the Latin American context

III. Gender in the Asian context

III. Gender in the African context

IV. Gender in contemporary Europe

V. Gender and the state in cross-national context

VI. Global movements for change

Honor Code Reference: All students must be familiar with university policy on cheating.