

Women's and Gender Studies Course Affiliation

Courses taught by Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) faculty affiliates are eligible to count toward the WGS major and/or minor. In considering whether to approve a course, the WGS Affiliation Committee employs three criteria: content, scholarship/methodology, and pedagogy. Additionally, we look at the need for such a course in our curriculum.

The criteria we use are as follows:

Content: Courses should focus on issues related to gender, including attention to one or more of the four primary content areas structuring the program: political and social organization, historical and global perspectives, culture and representation, and mind and body.

Scholarship/Methodology: The course should present and employ recent feminist scholarship, methodologies, concepts, and analyses so that students can acquire an understanding of the multiplicity of feminist approaches and perspectives and can develop their own informed positions on the issues raised in the class.

Pedagogy: The course should foster a climate of mutual inquiry and exchange of ideas among and between faculty and students. Students should be encouraged to reflect on how gender issues are produced in everyday life, and in larger contexts, such as: social, political, psychological, cultural, economic, historical, and/or technological. The instructor should encourage students to develop critical thinking skills, offer the opportunity to articulate individual positions on gender-related issues, and allow for an incorporation of feminist perspectives in assignments.

In order for your course to be approved as part of the WGS curriculum, please complete the WGS Affiliation Application (available on WGS website) and submit it via email to WGS Executive Committee Faculty Affiliation Liaison, **Melissa Hughes** (hughesm@cofc.edu). This application will ask you to provide the following:

- A course description (150 words or less)
- A current or expected reading list
- A statement about how this course addresses issues and questions related to Women's and Gender Studies (250 words or less)

Pending approval by the WGS Faculty Affiliation Committee, the Program Director of Women's and Gender Studies and WGS Affiliation Committee chair will notify you and your department head of the decision.