WGS 2100-002

Introduction to Gender Studies

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Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of gender studies. Through readings, class presentations, discussions, blog posts, and analytical papers, you will develop your own understanding of key methodologies and terms employed by gender scholars and activists. You will apply what you have learned to contemporary issues that particularly interest you. Throughout the course, you will push yourself to talk and listen to other students in ways that respectfully challenge your own and others preconceived notions about gender/sex/sexuality. While transnational issues will be explored, and can be the focus of your written work, the bulk of the readings and films assigned for the course focus on the United States.

You will leave this course with a portfolio consisting of a reading journal, blog posts, and three analytical papers, all of which will equip you to further develop your understanding of gender in your ongoing work at UVA and beyond.

Your grade in this course will be calculated as follows:

10 % Attendance/participation

10 % Reading journal

10 % Group project—leading discussion and writing entry for annotated bibliography

20 % Two posts to media blog

50% Three analytical papers