



## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

### **WGS 101**

### **Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies**

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**(3 credits)**

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This course is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of women's and gender studies. It introduces students to concepts and issues that are foundational to the study of gender and sexuality. The course focuses on theorizations of power, domination, and patriarchy. It considers how gender is constructed, experienced, and expressed in various and complex ways across different historical periods and geographical spaces. The course approaches the study of gender by foregrounding a critical intersectional feminist lens that pays particular attention to the categories of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Through engaging a variety of texts (including films, documentaries, music, poetry, and novels), students will work together to develop strategies and practices of reading historical issues, cultural products, and contemporary debates from feminist lenses and perspectives.