CATALOG YEAR 2009-2010
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Justification:

This new course fills in an important gap in the current catalog and allows for the exploration of
gender-related issues in the context of cultural and literary studies.

Approvals:  Signature  Date
ENGL 5321 Gender Studies
Three semester hours

The aim of this course is to introduce students to methods of literary criticism and interpretation, exploring the different representations of women and men, constructions of femininity and masculinity, and sexual politics. To that extent, the course will take into consideration questions of canonicity, difference, equality and sexuality, as well as will explore the different constructions of gender according to contemporary gender theories. Special attention will be paid to the intersections of gender with race, class, and nationality. An interdisciplinary focus will allow the students to compare different textual, theoretical, philosophical, historical and/or cross-cultural perspectives on gender.

Outcomes:

On completion of this course students

- Will be familiar with Gender studies, its historical and theoretical development, from classical feminism, to the different feminist waves, up to queer and masculinity studies.
- Will be able to apply the theoretical knowledge of gender to different texts and contexts.
- Will be able to conduct research on an interdisciplinary or intertextual field from a gendered perspective.