



Women's Studies Courses for 2008 Fall

*WSTU 200	Introduction to Women's Studies	Sturzer	MWF 10:00-10:50
*WSTU 295	Violence Against Women	Peters	TTH 12:15-1:30
WTSU 307	Gender and Society	Evans	MWF 10:00-10:50
WTSU 324	Race, Gender, and the Media	Gailey	MW 3:05-4:20
WSTU 336	Women in Politics	Bellar	T 5:30-8:00
WSTU 425	Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice	Knox	TTH 10:50-12:05
WTSU 451	Psychology of Women	Cothran	TTH 3:05-4:20
WTSU 455R	Classical Women	Covino	TTH 10:50-12:05
WSTU 481	Feminist Literary Criticism	Noe	M 2:00-4:30

* These classes carry General Education credit in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category
 ** Registration begins March 31st for currently enrolled students

SAMPLE A CLASS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

We're going to do something we've never done before to celebrate Women's History Month," said Dr. Marcia Noe, Director of Women's Studies. "Because the new Women's Studies major will begin this coming August, five members of the Women's Studies faculty will open their classrooms during the month of March to the UTC and Chattanooga communities. This 'sample a class' program will welcome students to designated Women's Studies classes who are curious about Women's Studies, who want to hear a talk by one of their favorite professors, or who find the class topics intriguing. Some students may want to visit these classes to see if they want to declare a Women's Studies major. The program will also help people here at the University and in town learn more about Women's Studies at UTC."



Five UTC Women's Studies faculty members will participate in the "sample a class" program: Dr. Elizabeth Gailey, Dr. Marcia Noe, Dr. Heather Palmer, Dr. Talia Welsh, and Dr. Michelle White. In addition, on Tuesday, March 4, Dr. Leigh Johnson, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, from Rhodes College in Memphis will kick off the Women's History Month program, speaking on "Why Gender Is So Troublesome" in Holt 124 from 4:30-5:20 p.m. Immediately following her talk, Dr. Johnson will be the guest of honor at a pizza party at Pizzeria Venti (100 block of Frazier Avenue, North Chattanooga, between Woodland and Forest Avenues) that the Women's Studies program will host for Women's Studies students, faculty, alumni, supporters, and prospective Women's Studies majors. In addition to this kickoff event, the five classes described on page three will be open on the days designated on page three. (Continued on page 3)

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A WOMEN'S STUDIES MAJOR?

This is the second in our series of articles in this newsletter in answer to the often asked question, "What can I do with a women's studies major?"

Students who pursue a women's studies degree will learn how social and cultural influences have shaped the lives and roles of women throughout history. By viewing world events and cultures through the filters of different genders, students can gain powerful perspectives on freedom and empowerment. Women's studies majors learn to value the achievements of female leaders over the years while positioning themselves for their own cultural breakthroughs.

Larissa Seenuk, a Women's Studies major, explains what a Women's Studies major means to her: "The major prepares one to do anything any other liberal arts major does but with deeper insight into issues of oppression and celebration of women. Hopefully, this insight carries over into important issues of other groups – making one more sensitive and therefore more prepared to do all things/jobs with greater attention to ethical standards. A Women's Studies major is taught to look for the hidden – like looking for the silenced voices of women in history. It's invaluable!" (Luebke and Reilly 19).

Not only will a women's studies major give you invaluable perspectives and knowledge about women throughout history, but it will also give you valuable and beneficial life and career skills such as:

- **Strong Critical Thinking Skills**
- **Confident Oral Presentation Skills**
- **Effective Writing Skills**
- **Strong Research Skills**

Women's Studies majors gain valuable insight into multiple facets of society and culture. These insights are gained through the range of studies that women's studies majors undertake, such as:

- **Women's Health**
- **Women's History in America and Around the World**
- **Women in Literature**
- **Sex and Gender**
- **Sociology and Psychology of Women**
- **Women in Politics**
- **Feminist Theory**



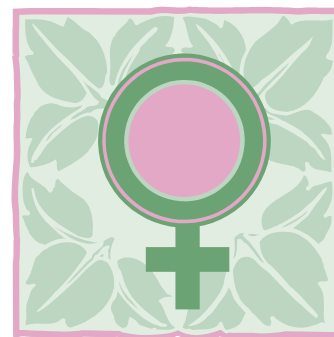
With this knowledge, women's studies majors can go on to pursue other fields of studies, such as:

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| • Administration | Law |
| • Advocacy | Library Science |
| • Anthropology | Philosophy |
| • Arts | Psychology |
| • Counseling | Public Health |
| • Education | Public Policy |
| • History | Social Work |
| • Humanities | Sociology |
| • International Studies | |

With the insight and knowledge gained from a women's studies major, many women's studies majors have provided quality leadership in a number of positions. Among those are:

- **Clinical Social Worker**
- **Health Clinic Coordinator**
- **College Professor**

- **Human Rights Activist**
- **Victim's Advocate**
- **Journalist**
- **Archivist**
- **Lawyer**
- **Artist or Musician**
- **Battered Women's Center Director**
- **Business Owner**
- **Nurse-Midwife**
- **Legislative Aid**
- **Public Relations Manager**
- **Rape Crisis Program Director**
- **Casting Director**
- **Town Manager**
- **Health Clinic Medical Assistant**
- **Union Organizer**
- **Hospital Foundation Executive Director**



The job positions listed above do not limit the variety of positions a women's studies major can attain. With the insight, knowledge, and experience gained through a women's studies major, the possibilities are endless.

SAMPLE A CLASS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CONTINUED...

Thursday, March 6: Dr. Michelle White (Associate Professor of History) will open the seminar she is teaching this semester, European Women's History to 1800, as part of the "sample a class" program. This class will not include a formal lecture but will feature a discussion of the topic "The European Witchcraze" from 1:40-2:55 p.m. in Brock 406.

Wednesday, March 19: Dr. Heather Palmer (Assistant Professor of English) will open her Rhetorics of Embodiment class, lecturing on "The Postmodern Body." Dr. Palmer's class meets in Holt 305 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Dr. Palmer's lecture will begin at 2:00, a question period will follow the lecture, and a break will follow the question period. After the break, class will resume; visitors are welcome to stay for the entire class but need not feel obligated to do so.

Wednesday, March 26: Dr. Elizabeth Gailey (Associate Professor of Communication) will open her Race, Gender and the Media class, lecturing on "Self-Made Women: Cosmetic Surgery Shows and the Construction of Female Pathology" from 11:00 -11:50 a.m. in the Raccoon Mountain Room of the University Center.

Thursday, March 27: Dr. Talia Welsh (Assistant Professor of Philosophy) will open her Feminist Theory class, lecturing on "The Politics of Fat" from 3:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Signal Mountain Room of the University Center

Monday, March 31: Dr. Marcia Noe (Professor of English and Director of Women's Studies) will open her Edith Wharton seminar, lecturing on "Incest, Adultery, and Erotica: The Secret Life of Edith Wharton." Dr. Noe's class meets in Holt 304 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. Class on March 31 will follow the model of Dr. Palmer's class (March 19), with Dr. Noe's lecture beginning at 2:00, followed by a question period and break, after which there will be some student presentations. Visitors are welcome to stay for the entire class, although they need not feel obligated to do so.

"In putting this program together we chose legitimate subjects of academic inquiry that would also have strong popular appeal and be representative of the work we do in Women's Studies," stated Dr. Noe. "So come and see what Women's Studies is all about. The new Women's Studies major is a 30-hour major, set up so that most students will be able to double-major in Women's Studies and another academic discipline, which will enhance their employment prospects. There will be three required courses: Introduction to Women's Studies, Senior Seminar, and either Feminist Literary Criticism or Feminist Theory. Come and see me in Holt 338E or call me at 425-4692 or e-mail me at marcia-noe@utc.edu if you want to explore the possibility of majoring in Women's Studies."

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Community Advisory Council Formed for Women's Studies

Women's Studies has invited twenty-eight community leaders to join its new Community Advisory Council. This group, which met for the first time on August 30, 2007, at a luncheon meeting at 212 Market Restaurant, will provide advice to the Women's Studies program about the new Women's Studies major and help with long-range planning. Members include Valoria Armstrong, Maxine Bailey, Beverly Cosley, Ann Coulter, Missy Crutchfield, Marj Flemming, Kathy Hanson, Jane Harbaugh, Sandra Hollett, Ruth Holmberg, Deborah Levine, Bea Lurie, June McEwen, Carolyn Mitchell, Pamela O'Dwyer, Selma Cash Paty, Rickie Pierce, Marty Robinson, Susan Robinson, Rhonda Seeber, Angie Sledge, Bettye Lynn Smith, Carolyn Thompson, Edna Varner, Barbara Verhine, Lynn Whisman, Kim White, and Joanne Yates. Women's Studies will host a tea for the Community Advisory Council on Wednesday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the University Center.

