

READING A 2006–2008 CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

Each department uses one or more prefixes to identify its courses. "GCS" indicates that this is a Gender/Cultural Studies course, offered by the Graduate Program in Gender/Cultural Studies. Courses in the 400 and 500 series are graduate level.

TC: If a course number is followed by TC, that course is a short-term travel course (for example, MCM 488 on page 41). Short-term travel courses usually run for two to four weeks, beginning at the end of final exams in the spring term. They are counted as part of a student's spring semester course load. For more examples of short-term travel courses, see the *Undergraduate Course Catalog*.

Course Prefix and Number

GCS 430 Cultural Theory (S-1,2)

4 sem. hrs. Prereq.: GCS 403 or consent of the instructor.

An intensive reading seminar, intended to provide an introduction to the theoretical debates regarding the study of culture that have taken place in the last twenty years. Explores theories of nations, publics, and identities. Considers a number of theorists including Bourdieu, Haberman, Foucault, Hall, and Butler. Bergland, Puri.

Semester Hours

Like GCS 430, most courses count as four semester hours, although there are some for two or eight semester hours. Requirements vary by program, so check the individual graduate program for the number of semester hours or credits needed to satisfy the degree.

Prerequisites and Course Limitations

This course has a prerequisite of GCS 403, meaning that students must have completed that course before enrolling in GCS 430. Note that the prerequisite also says "or consent of the instructor," indicating that the instructor may grant permission to enroll without having taken the prerequisite course. In such cases, students should contact the instructor or department for more information.

Course Title

The course title indicates the major area(s) of focus for the course. Some titles are more descriptive and self-explanatory than others. Therefore, students should rely on the course description for information about the content and format of the course.

Semester Offered

This code indicates which semester(s) the course will be offered in 2006–2008:

F = Fall

S = Spring

U = Summer

1 = Academic Year 2006–2007

2 = Academic Year 2007–2008

Thus GCS 430, designated (S-1,2), will be offered in the spring of both academic years.

A course designated (F-1,2; S-1,2) will be offered in the fall and spring semesters of both years, etc.

Course Instructor

The instructor of the course is listed at the end of the course description. Information about the educational background of the faculty can be found on pages 105–118. Note that some courses list "Staff" as the instructor, meaning that the course is taught by an instructor who is not a member of the full-time faculty or has not yet been determined.

Course Description

The description provides a brief overview of the content and approach of the course. It might also offer an idea of the kinds of work that will be required, such as writing, research, creative work, or laboratory work.

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