

Spring 2020 Courses in Gender and Law

Compiled by the Women and the Law Program

Courses are subject to change. Please consult the Office of the Registrar for updates.

725B-001 Gender, Cultural Differences, & International Human Rights (3cr) Nifosi-Sutton
Tuesday, Thursday @ 12:00-1:20pm

This course exposes students to the intricate protection of women's rights at the UN and regional levels as well as its achievements and gaps. We will assess the notion of women's vulnerability under human rights law, and conclude with a critical appraisal of the effectiveness of the international legal protection available to women and a reflection on current developments in women's rights advocacy.

775-001 Labor Migration in the Global Economy (3cr) Chuang
Monday, Wednesday @ 1:00-2:20pm

The course will examine and assess diverse law and policy interventions designed to maximize the potential benefits and minimize the related costs of labor migration for countries (of origin and of destination) and the migrants themselves. The course begins with an in-depth look of the patterns and practices of global labor migration into both formal and informal labor sectors, focusing on the emigration push and immigration pull factors that lead individuals to migrate and governments to facilitate and encourage the migration. Having established an understanding of the dynamics of global labor migration, the course examines international, regional, and national legal frameworks targeting migrant work, with an eye to identifying the gaps in coverage and implementation challenges. The course will include a strong gender perspective on these issues, analyzing the causes of the increasing feminization of migration for work, including the feminization of poverty and the social construction of demand for migrant women's labor.

876A-001 Reproduction and the Law (3cr) Torrez
Thursday @ 7:30-10:20pm

This seminar will track regulation of human reproduction and sexuality in the United States, focusing on history, law and policy. The course will cover Supreme Court jurisprudence establishing the rights to privacy and reproductive freedom, as well as past and current legal and legislative efforts implicating reproductive freedom. The course will incorporate a reproductive justice framework that looks at the human rights to have a child, not have a child, and to raise a child in a safe and healthy environment, as well as sexual autonomy and gender freedom. The course will examine how reproductive freedom and oppression are experienced differently by different populations, as well as how the law has been used to regulate reproduction in different ways, including through withholding public assistance and involuntary sterilization. The course will also look at how reproductive rights and justice are implicated in the current political environment.

929G-001 Advanced Legal Writing: Gender and Law (2cr) Kraiem
Wednesday @ 6:00-7:50pm

The course is for students who want to write a publishable-quality paper on a topic related to gender and law. Perfect for fulfilling your ULWR or LLM Paper requirement! Students work through the process of selecting and researching a topic, developing a thesis, creating an annotated bibliography, drafting the paper, and, finally, revising. Students will engage in in-class exercises and weekly assignments to help them select an interesting and timely topic, develop a strong thesis, structure compelling arguments, write clear and lively prose, and get published. Students will receive extensive feedback from classmates and the instructor, as well as comment on other students' work. Note that this upper level writing workshop is NOT an introduction to gender and law. The majority of course readings address the writing process, not feminist or queer jurisprudence per se.

978-001 Responses of International Law to Sex & Gender-Based Violence (2cr) SáCouto
Tuesday @ 10:00-11:50am

Provides an overview and evaluation of international humanitarian law (IHL) and international criminal law relating to women and conflict. Specifically, the course will explore how women in times of conflict are treated under the various categories of the laws of war, such as civilians, combatants, detainees, refugees, and internally displaced persons, but also question whether these laws are sufficient to encompass the considerable variety of ways women are affected by conflict. In particular, the course will examine feminist critiques of IHL and consider the links between conflict and issues such as women's inequality and inequitable economic and social conditions, and query whether these conditions lead to new and different types of discrimination against women in times of conflict. The course will also look at the developing jurisprudence dealing specifically with gendered violence from the ad hoc international criminal tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia and the "hybrid" or internationalized courts, as well as the provisions specifically relating to women in the Rome Statute and the practice of the International Criminal Court in implementing these provisions. The course will also examine from a critical feminist perspective, the consequences, both intended and unintended, of the prosecution of sex-based and gender-based crimes by these courts and tribunals.

COURSES INCLUDING A GENDER COMPONENT

619C-001	Comparative Law	Nicola	W 4:00p-5:50pm
655-001	Immigration & Naturalization	Alonso-Yoder	MW 3:00-4:50pm
664-001	Employment Discrimination	Gross	MW 10:30-11:50am
725C-001	Regional Approaches to Human Rights	Mendez	TTh 8:30-9:50am

FACULTY INTEGRATING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

605-001	Constitution Law: 1 st Amendment	Wermiel	TTh 6:00-7:20pm
609-001	Trademark Law	Farley	MW 4:30-5:50pm
682-001	Critical Race Theory	Llezie Green	Tu 1:30-3:20pm
739B-001	Advanced Human Rights Seminar	Mendez	TTh 8:30-9:50am
795TJ-001	Transitional Justice	Orentlicher	Tu 3:00p-4:50pm
834-001	Public Health Law & Policy	Wiley	Tu 6:00-7:50pm

* Not all courses may be applied towards LL.M. in International Legal Studies, Specialization in Gender and International Law or the LL.M. in Law & Government, Specialization in Gender and Law.
Please check with your program for qualifying courses.