
Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)

(Interdisciplinary Studies Department)

IDS 114—American Civil Rights Movements

3 cr.

This interdisciplinary course explores the historic and ongoing struggles on the part of minority and marginalized groups to dismantle the social, cultural, political and economic barriers that prevent them from fully enjoying the promise of American democracy. Using African Americans' struggle for freedom and rights as a framework, the course considers similar movements by women, LGBTQIA + persons and other marginalized groups seeking recognition, rights, and equality. Additionally, the course assesses the sources and consequences of racism, discrimination, prejudice, misogyny, homophobia, and other ideas of difference that create and foster inequality. Fulfills Category A or Fulfills Category E. (G4A, G6A)

IDS 115—Introduction to Gender

3 cr.

This is an introductory and foundational course on the key concepts, themes, theories and methods of the study of gender and sexuality. It examines gender as an outcome of biological, social and cultural systems and introduces students to basic concepts such as gender, sex, sexuality, gender differences and gender socialization. It explores how gender concepts and behaviors shape and are shaped by larger social institutions, including, but not limited to, class divisions, race, ethnicity, media, philosophy/religions, educational and economic systems, and governments. Special attention is paid to the role that social structures and systems play in the creation and perpetuation of the dynamics of power, privilege, oppression, and opportunity related to gender. Prerequisite ENG 101 Fulfills Category C or Fulfills Category E. (G3A, G6A)

IDS 151—Introduction to Sustainability

3 cr.

This course will explore meanings of sustainability, including its historical context and application to contemporary global society.