

**COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER:** Internship in Women's Studies WS 465

**Description of Course:**

Students work in an off-campus field placement for 8-10 hours each week. This gives them the opportunity to get involved with programs that affect women's lives directly, applying the theories, principles and empirical findings in the area of women's studies.

**Course Prerequisites:** WS110, WS150, and WS310

**Course Objectives:**

**This course will:**

1. increase knowledge of gender issues in current practices
2. explore efforts to address women's issues in society
3. examine attitudes, beliefs, and values about gender and leadership
4. require the writing of journals and a report

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will:**

1. explore current efforts to implement theories, principles, and empirical findings in programs that affect women's lives directly.
2. gain direct experience working on gender issues in social service, non-profit, and governmental agencies
3. understand individual's roles as leaders for social change in gender issues
4. Write a report showing connection between the academic Women's Studies discipline and a work or service internship

**Topical Outline of the Course Content**

- Field Placement
- Leadership for Social Change Theories
- Women's Studies and Activism
- Site Evaluation

**Teaching Methods and Student Learning Activities**

- Experiential education
- Group discussion
- Reflective writing
- Individual oral presentations

**Student Assessment (of student learning outcomes)**

- oral presentation
- written papers
- student projects

**Suggested Readings and Texts**

- Naples, Nancy. Community Activism and Feminist Politics: Organizing Across Race, Class, and Gender, Routledge, 1997.

**Additional Bibliography (Supportive texts and other materials)**

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**Suggested Readings:**

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