WS (PHIL) 3490 Theories of Gender and Sexuality 3(3) Examines the philosophical dimensions of contemporary debates about the relation of sex, gender, and sexuality. May also be offered as PHIL 3490.

WS 3900 Women's Studies Internship 3 (B) Faculty-supervised internship provides Women's Studies minors with relevant work experience, mentoring, and networking opportunities with local leaders in business, government, and non-profit organizations. Preq: Women’s Studies minor, Junior standing, and consent of internship coordinator.

WS 4010 Senior Seminar 3(3) In-depth exploration and analysis of a special topic in the areas of women’s and leadership studies, culminating in a senior project documented in written, oral, visual and/or multimedia presentations. Topics vary based on student research interests. Preq: Senior standing in Women’s Leadership.

WS (ANTH) 4230* Women in the Developing World 3(3) Comparative anthropological study of women and their status in developing countries around the world. A survey of women’s daily lives in a global context, emphasizing education, economics, and the environment. Case studies include microfinance, literacy, reproductive rights and practices, and the impact of religious fundamentalism on women. May also be offered as ANTH 4230. Preq: Sophomore standing.

WS (ENGL) 4360* Feminist Literary Criticism 3(3) Introduces the germinal works of feminist literary theory and criticism. Outlines the development of modern literary criticism by studying feminist versions of the major critical methodologies. May also be offered as ENGL 4360. Preq: ENGL 3100.

WS 4590 Selected Topics in Women's Studies 1-3(1-3) Topics change from semester to semester and are announced prior to registration. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits, but only if different topics are covered.

WS 4900 Creative Inquiry 1-3(1-3) Small group work on particular issues with emphasis on involving students in research. Content varies. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits. Preq: Consent of instructor.

WS 4950 Independent Study 1-3(1-3) Course of study designed by the student in consultation with a faculty member who agrees to provide guidance, discussion, and evaluation of the project. Student must confer with faculty member prior to registration. May be repeated for a maximum of six credits. Preq: Consent of instructor.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

YDP 3000 Youth Development in Society 3(3) The course provides an overview of youth development in society. It examines social change and its impact on youth development, the historical development of youth programs, programs and plans designed to be responsive to youth issues, and supports to assist youth in becoming healthy, productive, and engaged citizens. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3050 Theory and Philosophy of Youth Development Work 3(3) This course examines the philosophical, conceptual, and theoretical frameworks of positive youth development from the perspective of real-world application within developmental systems. Students explore both the distinctiveness and complementarity between problem-focused and youth development approaches to youth work, and work on building a common language for the field. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3100 Youth Development and the Family 3(3) This course focuses on youth in the context of family development and the family dynamics. Students gain knowledge and skills to strengthen families and foster youth well being. Students also gain the skills to develop effective programs involving the family unit and the ability to conceptualize youth development from a systemic perspective. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3150 Community and Youth Development Systems 3(3) This course focuses on organizations and systems that offer opportunities for youth to reach their potential and develop competencies and assets. These approaches include studying educational systems that foster success, community organizations that engage youth in becoming leaders and contributing members, and environments that are conducive to youth well being. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3200 Youth Development in Sport and Physical Activities 3(3) This course examines the role of community-based sports in developing healthy youth, specifically the ways in which sport programs can be designed to maximize physical, intellectual, emotional, and social outcomes. Focus is on the role of key adults and institutions in the delivery of youth sport experiences. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3250 Working with Diverse Youth 3(3) This course focuses on diversity in youth-oriented programs and settings, and provides an understanding of how race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, and social class affect youth development work. An emphasis is placed on building a working knowledge of cultural awareness and sensitivity as applied to the design of youth activities. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3300 Designing Effective Youth Programs 3(3) This course introduces students to a variety of approaches to youth development programming. The main focus is on intentional or purposeful program planning designed to achieve targeted youth outcomes. A class, students design a youth development program that is delivered as a component of YDP 3400. Preq: YDP 3350. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3350 Youth Activity Facilitation and Leadership 3(3) This course provides a foundation for effective activity leadership to meet the needs of diverse youth populations. The course focuses on applying experiential learning approaches; different activity types; choosing activities based on intentionality, specificity, and applicability; activity sequencing; building individual and group efficacy; and activity debriefing and processing. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3400 Delivering Effective Youth Programs 3(3) This course provides students with the knowledge and tools to deliver and present effective and intentional youth development programs. The course builds on the content of YDP 3300, and focuses on key programming issues, such as animation plans, equipment and facilities, program flexibility, risk management, and formative and summative assessment. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 3450 Creative Activities for Youth 3(3) This course examines the use of various creative activities in youth programs. Students explore the cognitive strengths of various creative activities, how to integrate creativity into youth programs, the importance of creative activities in community identity, and the availability of community resources. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4400 Youth Program Assessment and Evaluation 3(3) Youth development has generated best practice programs as a consequence of evidence-based assessment and evaluation. This course familiarizes students with current best practice programs. Evaluation design concepts and strategies provide a knowledge base that prepares students with the skills to employ in evaluations of youth development programs. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4450 Administration of Youth Development Organizations 3(3) This course examines approaches and strategies for the successful administration of youth organizations. Students explore organizational missions, structures, personnel management, legal issues, promotion, financial management, assessment and strategic planning within the context of public, not-for-profit, and private youth-serving agencies and organizations. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4500 Professional Issues and Ethics in Youth Development 3(3) This course examines ethical issues in youth development. Students analyze and critique ethical dilemmas in youth development, and examine the role of values in ethical decision making in youth development. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4550 Youth and Technology 3(3) This course examines the use of technology by youth. Students explore the current uses of technology by different types of youth, the ethical issues related to youth and technology, and socio-cultural changes resulting from the use of technology by youth. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4990 Youth Development Fieldwork 3(2) This course provides practical experience linking students to new hands-on learning opportunities in youth serving agencies' organizations. Students are required to complete a minimum of 60 hours of experiential learning in a supervised youth service setting. Students develop a professional portfolio and special project as part of this experience. Preq: Youth Development Studies major.

YDP 4991 Youth Development Fieldwork Laboratory 0(4) Non-credit laboratory to accompany YDP 4990. Coreq: YDP 4990.