“One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman.”
- Simone De Beauvoir

This course employs an interdisciplinary set of tools for analyzing women’s experiences and studies the ways that sex and gender manifest themselves in social, cultural, and political contexts. This course does not only consider differences between women and men, but also explores differences among women. The readings and discussion will be designed to examine ideas about race, class, sexuality and other aspects of identity in addition to gender. Together we will discuss the relationships among these categories, and will analyze when and how such categories operate throughout American history and into contemporary society.

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