

To keep in Mind:

- You will need to register for 2 (6 units) electives, you may choose to take GSFR 703, or pick one from the approved list below and follow instructions from that department.
- Please note that there is room for all GSFR students to take the GSFR Elective: 703. For a seat in the course email Mariana Costa at mcosta@mcmaster.ca.
- Electives in outside departments are granted based on availability after students in their home department have registered. Please follow the instructions for each department as they differ to request a seat.

GSFR Elective

GSFR 703 - Topics Course: Gender, Violence and Visual Culture ([Syllabus](#))

Email Mariana Costa – mcosta@mcmaster.ca to request a seat in the course. There is room for all GSFR students.

Term: 2

Class Schedule: Mondays, 6pm - 8pm

Location: TBA

Instructor: Dr. Amber Dean - deanamb@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course will examine the cultural meanings of the sentimental, a generally devalued and feminized category in twentieth- and twenty-first-century popular entertainment. Sentimental genres (e.g., women's films, soap operas, and romantic popular songs) have often been understood as existing in a symbiotic relationship with female audiences and mass culture.

Approved Electives from Outside Departments

Courses below are the approved list by the GSFR Director. If you see a course elsewhere on the McMaster website that is not on this list you would like to take, please inquire with Dr. Susan Fast at fastfs@mcmaster.ca

The link to each department is below, it is the responsibility of the students to check the individual department sites on a regular basis to view/request course syllabus and to check scheduling changes.

Where available, the date and time are listed. You can continue to check the corresponding department website to check for updates.

English and Cultural Studies

http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~english/Graduatehomepage/graduate_courses_2014-15.html

Instructions: Mariana Costa can request a seat on your behalf, please make requests through email. Seats are given based on availability.

Term 1

742: Mapping South Asian Masculinities

Course Schedule: Tuesday 12:30 - 3:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: C. Chakraborty - chandri@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course focuses on masculinities in moments of conflict and crisis in South Asia to explore how masculinities are embedded in and enable the operation of large scale political-historical projects/processes such as colonial rule, nation-formation, construction of civil society and religious fundamentalism. Reading South Asian literary and cinematic texts, it will examine masculinities in articulated relation to other social categories: among them, caste, class, religion, ethnicity and sexuality.

ENG 722/CSCT 726 (NEW): Race, Labour, and Migration in the Early Twentieth Century Transatlantic Imaginary

Course Schedule: Monday 3:30 - 6:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: N. Attewell - attewen@mcmaster.ca

Description: Through readings of prose and visual texts from around the Atlantic, this course investigates issues of race and migration as these articulate with labour issues in the early-twentieth-century transatlantic imaginary.

789: Studies in Asian North American Literature, Culture, and Identity

Course Schedule: Thursday 12:30-3:30pm

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: D. Goellnicht - goellnic@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course examines selected topics (e.g. national versus transnational/diasporic subjectivities, gender formation) in Asian American and/or Asian Canadian literature and culture, with a focus on issues of identity. The specific topics will vary from year to year.

Term 2

711: Celebrity/Culture

Course Schedule: Monday 12:30 - 3:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: L. York - yorkl@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course engages the pervasive phenomenon of celebrity and poses questions about its operations in the field of culture. It will focus on influential theories of stardom and ideology, power, and cultural value that see celebrity operating variously within culture, and audiences, in turn, acting and signifying upon celebrity. Students will be encouraged to develop a framework for using a specific study of a celebrity or celebrity phenomenon to assess theoretical texts. This course will consider the workings of celebrity in academia.

749: Getting and Spending: The Birth of Consumer Culture

Course Schedule: Tuesday 12:30 - 3:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: P. Walsmley - walsmley@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course will consider how eighteenth-century British and Colonial literatures articulate the opportunities and the dangers of an emergent consumer culture, focusing on ideas of money, luxury, shopping and labour.

758: Literature as Witness:

Course Schedule: Tuesday 3:30 - 6:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: G. Kehler - kehlerg@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course explores a selection of the theories of witnessing and trauma alongside of the witness literature of a diasporic, persecuted minority, the so-called Russian Mennonites, many of whom live on the Canadian prairies and who have become leading voices in Canadian and international literature.

784: Decolonizing Bodies

Course Schedule: Thursday 9:30 - 12:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: C. Chakraborty - chandri@mcmaster.ca

Description: An examination of the representations of the body in postcolonial literary and visual texts from Africa and South Asia.

793: Oh Behave! Post-war Sexualities

Course Schedule: Wednesday 10:30 - 1:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: S. Brophy - brophys@mcmaster.ca

Description: A critical study of sexualities in British film, fiction, and culture of the 1950s and 60s. We will consider how key figures such as the teenager, the working woman, the single mother, the migrant, the homosexual, the servant, the playboy, and the secret agent mediated a rapidly transforming post-war social landscape.

History

<http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~history/graduate/index.html>

Instructions: Mariana Costa can request a seat on your behalf, please make requests through email. Seats are given based on availability.

Term 1:

700 - Law, Human Rights and Empire

Course Schedule: Wednesdays 1:30 – 4:30

Instructor: Bonny Ibhawoh - adeangrh@mcmaster.ca

Description: N/A

765 - Canadian Sport History

Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 12:30

Instructor: N. Bouchier - bouchier@mcmaster.ca

Description: N/A

Term 2

761 - Themes in the History of Post-Slavery African Diaspora: Defining Freedom in a Colonial World (Cross Listing - 761 Global Studies)

Schedule: Tuesday 14:30 - 17:30

Instructor: J. De Barros - debarr@mcmaster.ca

Description: N/A

Philosophy

<http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~philos/courses/g2014-2015.php>

Instructions: Please email Mariana Costa, for permission to be requested on your behalf

Term 1

759 Selected Topics in Applied Ethics -

Course Schedule: TBA

Location: TBA

Instructor: Dr. Elisabeth Gedge - gedge@mcmaster.ca

Description:

Social Work

<http://www.socialwork.mcmaster.ca/graduate-program/courses>

Department of Social Work policy is that students shall wait until the first week of the term to ask the Instructor permission, by then the instructors will get a clearer picture of the enrolment. Syllabi are available through the Social Work Department.

Term 1:

701 - Social Policy: Critical Frameworks

Course Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-12:20

Instructor: Rachel Zhou - zhoura@mcmaster.ca

Location: Keneth Taylor Hall - 308

Description: This course will consider: theoretical perspectives on social policies and the construction of the social problems they address; the political, historical and economic context of policy-making in Canada; and the repositioning of social policy in the context of state restructuring and ongoing globalization processes.

Term 2:

721 - Community, Citizenship & Social Justice

Course Schedule: Wed 1:00-4:00

Instructor: Bill Lee - laoi@sympatico.ca

Location: Keneth Taylor Hall - 308

Description: This course examines contemporary theories and practices of community and citizenship in Canada. Rather than assuming a consensual and universal model of collectivity, we explore how notions of togetherness, common interests, active citizenship and rights and responsibilities are constituted, enacted, practiced and challenged in the community, and how social workers could affect social justice through grassroots organizing, advocacy and community based research.

Religious Studies

<https://www.religiousstudies.mcmaster.ca/graduate-program>

Email Mariana Costa – mcosta@mcmaster.ca and she will request a seat on your behalf.

Term: 1

789 - Topics in Gender and Feminist Theory and Religious Studies

Course Schedule: Tuesdays 1:30 - 3:30

Location: University Hall 122

Instructor: Celia Rothenberg – rothenb@mcmaster.ca

Description: Religious Studies 789 Topics in Gender and Feminist Theory and Religious Studies. This course provides students with an overview of current issues in the study of gender and religion and allows students to develop and contextualize their own research interests in the area. Throughout the semester we read a range ethnographies that focus on the gendered dimensions of religious experience. These ethnographies are focussed on examples within Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and other religious traditions. This seminar does not require a background in religious studies or anthropology.

Sociology

<http://www.sociology.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/Courses>

- Enrolment is limited with priority given to students in the Department of Sociology
- Permission of the Instructor is required for all non-Sociology graduate students. Non-Sociology students should attend the first day of class (permissions are not granted prior to this date; exception 740 which requires a diagnostic examination). If academic background and space permits, a waiver will be granted by the instructor.

Term 2

713 - Social Inequality

Course Schedule: Thursday 11:30 - 2:30

Instructor: Tina Fetner - tina.fetner@mcmaster.ca

Description: The study of inequality has been at the core of sociology since its inception—in fact, we trace this scholarship back before sociology was a discipline. Stratification, which indicates that society is divided into unequal groups, has received much attention, as has the concept, social inequality, which suggests that there is more than one axis upon which society is divided. Sociologists are concerned not only with describing these social divisions, but with explaining the mechanisms through which inequalities are produced, maintained and reproduced. Scholars in this field use a diverse range of methodologies and theories.

755 - Individual & Society

Course Schedule: Monday 2:30 - 5:30

Instructor: Charlene Miall - miallce@mcmaster.ca

Description: The purpose of this course is to critically examine selected classical and contemporary theoretical and empirical writings in the area of Individual and Society with a primary focus on issues and debates in interpretive sociology. Among topics to be considered will be differences in theory and method within the interactionist tradition; alternate theoretical formulations and ongoing debates in the study of the self, identity, motivations and emotions; the study of social organization and social structure within the interactionist tradition; and narrative sociology. Throughout the course, the interplay of agency and structure in the theoretical explanations developed within this and other traditions will be explored.

758 - Race & Ethnicity

Course Schedule: Friday 2:30 - 5:30

Instructor: Jeff Denis - denisj@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course will investigate some of the central theoretical and methodological debates in the sociology of race and ethnic relations. First, we will examine how racial, ethnic, and national identities are constructed and enacted, from both micro-interactional and historical-comparative perspectives. Then, we will consider various approaches to conceptualizing, measuring and understanding racism, including the classical prejudice paradigm, group position theory, implicit prejudice, political economy, intersectionality, critical race theory, and (post?)colonial studies. Finally, we will assess the theory and practice of antiracism and decolonization, with an emphasis on issues of relevance to contemporary Canadian public discourse, including the future of multiculturalism and Indigenous-settler relations.

Labour Studies – Work and Society

<https://www.labourstudies.mcmaster.ca/future-students/graduate/course-information>

Students must email the instructor to express their interest in the course and ask for permission.

Term 1

700 - Work, Workers and their Workplaces

Course Schedule: Thursday 2:30 - 5:30

Location: Kenneth Taylor Hall 709

Instructor: Wayne Lewchuk - lewchuk@mcmaster.ca

Description: The focus of this course is the social, economic, political and gender organization of the workplace. It will provide a comprehensive examination of the theory, practice and history of work organization, its impact on workers and on the organizations representing their interests. Section One will provide a theoretical foundation for understanding contemporary trends in work organization. Section Two will examine work organization in the automobile industry and the spread of Lean Production. Section Three will examine organization in other industries such as the service and public sector with emphasis on issues such as emotional labour and the spread of computer mediated work processes. The final section will look at the role of trade unions in work organization, the future of work, and Karasek's Healthy Workplace Model.

780 E - Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health

Course Schedule: Mondays 6:00 – 9:00

Location: Kenneth Taylor Hall 709

Instructor: Robert Storey - storeyr@mcmaster.ca

Description: In the early 1970s a number of prominent social scientists prophesized that the shift from an industrial society to a post-industrial or information or service economy promised to dramatically improve the health and safety of workers. Such a scenario would evolve as toxic workplaces were replaced by sanitized high tech processing plants at the same time as employers in clean and safe office and retail environments employed an ever-increasing majority of waged and salaried employees. Against this backdrop, this course will investigate and analyze the current state of work and health in Canada and elsewhere around the world. The first section will be directed at developing a theoretical understanding of the political economy of work and health. Readings and discussion in the second section will examine a number of the more significant workplace health issues, e.g. mental health, musculoskeletal injuries, violence, chronic respiratory diseases such as asbestosis and silicosis, and cancer. In the third section we will examine occupational health and safety and workers' compensation laws with an eye to understanding the governance of workers' health within capitalist societies.

700 - Class, Gender & Race: Theorizing Work, Home & Society

Course Schedule: Wednesdays 9:30 – 12:30

Location: Kenneth Taylor Hall 709

Instructor: Suzanne Mills – smills@mcmaster.ca

Description: The focus of this course is the worker and the workplace. It will provide students with a comprehensive historical and contemporary understanding of the organization of production in all sectors of the economy, with particular emphasis on artisan production, Fordism, Lean Production and empowerment. In addition, we will examine questions and issues pertaining to the gendering of work, how work is valued, and the organization of work in the informal sector. The course will also be centrally concerned with alternative forms of organization such as industrial districts, cooperatives. In each set of discussions we will be addressing the role of unions in changing the workplace experience.

730 E - Work & Democracy in a Global Society

Course Schedule: Thursdays 6:90 – 9:00

Location: Kenneth Taylor Hall 709

Instructor: Don Wells – wellsd@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course centres on how workers and employers are shaping labour regimes, particularly in the global South, in the context of the contemporary rise and decline of neoliberal globalization. Using international/global political economy and sociology of labour approaches, students will analyse:

- Transitions from national Fordist to more neoliberal international labour regimes
- States versus markets' debates in shaping transnational/international labour regimes
- Roles of global value chains (e.g., garment, sporting goods) in the production of uneven global development
- Gendering and racialization of transnational migratory labour regimes (e.g., agricultural, domestic and construction workers from the global South)
- Policy and ideological roles of the International Labour Organization, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, UN, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization and key international trade agreements in shaping global labour regimes
- Emerging labour resistance and the rise of 'new labour internationalism' transnational labour solidarity, and global justice movements promoting 'another world'

Globalization

<http://globalization.mcmaster.ca/>

Please contact globalhc@mcmaster.ca to add courses.

Term 1

GlobalSt 704* - Global Social Policy

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (first class September 11)

Location: Chester New Hall 307

Instructor: Rachel Zhou - zhoura@mcmaster.ca

Description: This interdisciplinary course introduces students to key concepts and issues of global social policy and its connections with globalization processes. It examines trends in global social policy and the diverse experiences of different welfare regimes across the world. Locating social policy within the context of global inequalities, this course also seeks a deeper understanding of the issues of poverty, social exclusion, and deprivation from an international perspective. In discussing the challenges and possibilities regarding the future of welfare, the roles of various non-state sectors (e.g., transnational corporations, international organizations, and international NGOs) in pursuing social justice and human rights in the global context are also addressed.