

To keep in Mind:

- You will need to register for 2 electives (3 units each). You may choose to take GSFR 703 and/or GSFR 705, or pick 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 Electives 703 & 705. For a seat in these course(s), email gsfr@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 to request a seat.
- To help you find course locations, the McMaster Campus map is located here: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/campusmap.cfm>

GSFR Electives 2015-16

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

GSFR 703 - Topics Course: Gender, Violence and Visual Culture (Syllabus not yet available)

Email gsfr@mcmaster.ca to request a seat in this course. There is room for all GSFR students.

Class Schedule: Tuesdays, 9:30am – 12:20pm

Location: CNH 317

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

Description: This course involves the critical analysis of representations of gendered violence drawn from visual culture, including documentary film, photography, visual and performance art, advertising, television, Hollywood cinema, and public monument. We will explore how feminist scholars, activists and cultural producers might intervene in visual cultures of gendered violence to analyze, contextualize, and produce examples of such culture that draw attention to the dangers of making gendered identities that conflate “female” with “victim” and “male” with “violence” pre-exist an act of violence itself.

GSFR 705 - Disability, Subjectivity, and Visual Representation (Syllabus not yet available)

Email gsfr@mcmaster.ca to request a seat in this course. There is room for all GSFR students.

Class Schedule: Thursdays, 10:30am – 1:20pm

Location: TBA

Instructor: Dr. Janice Hladki - hladjk@mcmaster.ca

Description: Drawing on perspectives in contemporary disability studies, we consider how “alternative corporealities” (McRuer 2006) agitate able-bodied representational practices and how crip constitutions of embodiment re-orient and dis-orient understandings of subjectivity and intersubjectivity. We will examine recent developments that intersect queer theory and disability theory, historical and contemporary feminist work on disability, and embodiment perspectives in critical race theory.

Approved Electives from Outside Departments 2015-16

Courses below are the approved list by the GSFR Director. If you see a course you would like to take that is listed elsewhere on the McMaster website, please inquire with Dr. Susan Fast at fastfs@mcmaster.ca.

The link to each department is below. It is the responsibility of the student to check the individual department sites on a regular basis to view/request the 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.

Anthropology

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

TBA

Communication Studies & Multimedia

<http://csmm.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/m-a-in-communication-and-new-media/>

Email Cassandra Weimann at cweima@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

CMSTMM 714 - Feminism, Technology and Science

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 11:30 - 2:20

Location: KTH B107

Instructor: Dr. Paul Gardner - gardnerp@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course investigates contemporary academic scholarship, and art and media practices, residing in the interstices of feminism, technology and sciences studies with particular focus on cultural practices. It employs the resources of FemTechNet, a network of scholars and artists producing video dialogues and other curriculum in an innovative model of open source pedagogical delivery termed the DOCC (distributed, open, collaborative, course). The course invites a range of critical interventions (textual, media and art informed practices) that interrogate the productive intersections of these thematics. Course content will address how feminism emboldens and articulates emerging cultural concepts and issues, including queer and transgender representations, mobile, locative and wearable media practices, data informatics and politics.

English and Cultural Studies

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

Email Ilona Forgo-Smith at englgrsc@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

NOTE: ENG/CSCT 741 and 750 are full to capacity with long waiting lists (Term 1). For Term 2: ENG/CSCT 730 is full to capacity, but the waiting list is short.

Term 1:

English 741: The Sexuality of Genre

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 12:30

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Gena Zuroski Jenkins- chandri@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course provides an introduction to the diverse range of fiction that flourished in eighteenth-century Great Britain—including travel narratives, oriental tales, prostitution narratives, and the Gothic. It also covers topics and methodologies in the history of sexuality and studies of the novel genre.

English/CSCT 750: Gothic, Sensation and Victorian Discourses of the Body

Course Schedule: Monday 3:30 - 6:30

Location: Chester New Hall 317

Instructor: Dr. Grace Kehler - kehlerg@mcmaster.ca

Description: This three-unit course will explore the diversity in sensational and gothic treatments of bodies, bodies both literal and metaphoric, individual and collective, normative and “diseased.” In particular, Gothic and Sensation writing compulsively explores (figures of) physicality as a means to interrogate the legitimate or desired composition of family and nation.

English/CSCT 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.

English 791: Rethinking Politics: Thinking Past War, Democracy, and Terror

Course Schedule: TBA

Location: TBA

Instructor: H. Giroux - girouxh@mcmaster.ca

Description: This seminar addresses how the notion of politics is being redefined within a changing global public sphere. How politics is addressed is central to matters of agency, social justice, as well as notions of individual and collective struggle. The course attempts to understand how politics is being addressed as a site of struggle through various deployments around race, globalization, education, and resistance.

Term 2:

English/CSCT 730: Indigenous Literature of North America

Course Schedule: Mondays, 13:30 – 16:30

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Rick Monture - monture@mcmaster.ca

Description: An examination of indigenous literature in North America over the past two centuries, with particular emphasis on cultural traditions, literary representation, and writing as resistance.

English/CSCT 751: Between Indigeneity and Diaspora

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 12:30 - 15:30

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Coleman - dcoleman@mcmaster.ca

Description: This class explores the tensions between the land-and-place orientation of Indigenous ways of knowing and being, and the mobile cultural formations that have arisen from histories of displacement. Indigeneity and Diaspora are deeply related, yet solidarities between their scholars and political groups have been few and fraught. Through a study of literary and cultural texts produced in Canada, this class will not only examine how these two cultural formations outline limit cases for each other's claims, but also what potentials might exist between them for new dialogue and shared purpose.

English/CSCT/Globalization 784: Decolonizing Bodies

Course Schedule: Mondays, 10:30 - 13:30

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty - chandri@mcmaster.ca

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

Globalization

<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/institute-on-globalization-and-the-human-condition/graduate-program/courses-1>

Students should contact Lihua Qian directly at globalhc@mcmaster.ca for permission to register for non-cross listed courses which include Globalst 718, 701, 704, and 749. For all the other cross-listed courses, students need to contact the department that administers the course. Seats are first come, first served.

Term 1:

GlobalSt 718* - Global Actors Beyond the State: Methods and Cases

Course Schedule: Fridays, 11:30 - 14:30

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Dr. Julia Young

Description: This course examines the emergence and effects of global activism beyond that of state actors and associations of states. It introduces methods for analysing global social movements: frame and discourse analyses; historical approaches; case-based and comparative research; network analysis; and approaches that emphasize political processes and opportunity structures. We also examine various cases, including: human rights movements; campaigns against neo-liberal policies affecting the developing world; and international religious mobilizations. Students will work on research papers using research methods appropriate to a case study of their own design.

Term 2:

GlobalSt 701* - Topics in Globalization Studies I: Globalized Religion: Case Studies and Theoretical Approaches

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 9:30 - 12:30 (first class January 6, 2016)

Location: KTH-B108

Instructor: Dr. Celia Rothenberg - rothenb@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course focuses on how globalization has impacted and is itself changed by religious communities and experiences.

GlobalSt 704* - Global Social Policy

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 12:30 (first class January 5, 2016)

Location: KTH-B108

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.

GlobalSt 749* - Global Health Crises: An Interdisciplinary Perspective

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 14:30 - 17:30 (first class January 7, 2016)

Location: KTH-709

Instructor: Rachel Zhou - zhoura@mcmaster.ca

Description: An examination of global health crises – exemplified by HIV/AIDS, avian flu, SARS, and Ebola –from an interdisciplinary perspective and their relationships with contemporary globalization processes (e.g., economic, political, social, and environmental).

History

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

Instructions: Please make requests through email to histdept@mcmaster.ca. Seats are granted based on availability.

Term 1:

None

Term 2:

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

Schedule: Tuesdays, 16:30 - 19:30

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

Description: This seminar examines the social, political, and cultural changes following the end of slavery in the post-slavery African Diaspora. Particular attention will be paid to the significance of gender, race, and class in the creation of new social and national identities.

Labour Studies – Work and Society

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

Students must email Sharon Molnar at molnars@mcmaster.ca to ask for permission to join these courses. You are encouraged to attend the first class in any case, if interested.

Term 1: Grad Classes start week of September 8th

Classes end: December 3rd; TA marking: Dec. 5-20th

NO CLASSES: Monday, Oct. 12 (Thanksgiving); Mid-term break: Oct. 12-17

WS700E - Work, Workers and their Workplaces

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 18:30 - 21:30

Location: KTH 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.

WS780 - Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health

Course Schedule: Mondays, 11:30 – 14:30

Location: KTH 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.

WS720E – Labour Markets, The State and Inequality

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 17:30 – 20:30

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Sue Carter – carters@mcmaster.ca

Description: Topics for discussion include: the role played by governments in regulating labour markets and employment from the post-World War II period to the present; examines labour market segmentation and how different groups, especially women, men, people of colour and migrants experience different employment conditions and the ways in which policy and legislation have shaped their labour market experiences; what should be the goals of labour market regulation and employment policy and what role should the state play in regulating labour markets?

WS730 - Work & Democracy in a Global Society

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 14:30 – 17:30

Location: KTH 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'

Philosophy

<http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~philos/courses/g2015-2016.php>

Instructions: Please email the instructor directly for permission to join this course.

Term 1:

759 - Selected Topics in Applied Ethics

Course Schedule: Fridays, 10:00 – 12:30

Location: UH 316

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

Description: In this course we will look at the ethical questions surrounding family-making with children. The text we will use particularly focuses on adoption and assisted reproduction, considering and assessing the reasons individuals or couples offer for choosing these alternatives. Topics covered range from the goods of parenting, through the vulnerabilities of children and responsibilities of parents using adoption or technological assistance, issues of sexual orientation and race, transnational contract pregnancy, and aged parenting.

Religious Studies

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

Instructions: Religious Studies graduate students do not enrol in courses until September. Students should contact the instructor directly for permission.

Term 1:

RS 775 - Topics in Political Theology and Ethics: "Erotic for the Impossible: Mysticism and Body Politics from Antigone to Simone Weil"

Course Schedule: TBD

Location: TBD

Instructor: - Dr. Travis Kroeker - kroekert@mcmaster.ca

Description: The main title for this seminar is taken from Ismene's description of her sister Antigone's embodied act of political resistance in burying their dead brother's dishonoured body, which causes her own burial by the ruler Creon. After reading Sophocles' Antigone alongside the discussion of erotics, mania and philosophy in Plato's Phaedrus, we will pair the poetic mystical works of four women: Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love with Annie Dillard's Holy the Firm, and Marguerite Porete's Mirror of Simple Souls with Simone Weil's Gravity and Grace. We will read them as textual embodiments of religio-political resistance to conventional political theologies.

Term 2:

RS 786 - Ritual and Symbolic Healing (Same as Anthropology 796)

Course Schedule: TBD

Location: TBD

Instructor: - Ellen Badone - badone@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course examines ritual and symbolic healing practices in a variety of social, cultural, and religious contexts and geographic locales. The course facilitates critical reflection on how social and cultural theories have been employed by anthropologists, religious studies scholars, and others to interpret diverse healing practices. Other topics addressed in the course include the construction of religious meaning through illness narratives, gender and ritual healing, and the relationships among healing, affliction and structures of social power and domination.

Social Science (SOCSCI)

<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/>

Contact the instructors directly for permission to join these courses.

Term 1:

***700 / The Use and Impacts of Social Science Research**

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 11:30 – 14:30

Location: TSH 112B

Instructor: - Dr. Ailsa Fullwood - kayac@mcmaster.ca

Description: In this collaboratively taught course, students will develop theoretical knowledge related to the pathways and contexts of social science research use and impacts beyond the academy, and will also develop the critical frameworks through (and against) which to analyze such theories. Students will apply their knowledge and theoretical frameworks to the development of a user-focused knowledge mobilization product or research output. Students will participate in seminar discussions (facilitated by the relevant subject expert), will facilitate discussion, and will share their work and contribute to others' in project-development workshops. Each module will comprise a balance of each of these modes.

Term 2:

***701 / Critical Approaches to Community-Based Research**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 10:00 – 13:00

Location: TSH 112B

Instructor: - Dr. Saara Greene - greenes@mcmaster.ca

Description: This course introduces students to critical approaches in community based research in the social sciences. It is intended for graduate students in the social sciences or related field who are interested or engaged in scholarship from a community-based perspective. The learning objectives of the course include: (1) a working knowledge of the theoretical foundation and history of community based research; (2) a practical understanding of the methods and methodologies taken up within community based research; (3) an entree into the practise of community based research through the development of a CBR proposal, with an attention to issues of collaboration, ethics, trust, equity and social justice.

Social Work

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

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

Term 1:

701 - Social Policy: Critical Frameworks

Course Schedule: Fridays, 9:30-12:20

Instructor: Rachel Zhou - zhoura@mcmaster.ca

Location: TBA

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: Tuesdays, 9:30-12:20

Instructor: Saara Greene - greenes@mcmaster.ca

Location: Kenneth 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.

Sociology

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

Instructions: Email the course instructor directly to request permission to join this course. Courses are held for Sociology students initially. Permission for non-Sociology students isn't granted until the start of each class. If you have questions regarding your academic background, you should speak to the course instructor.

Term 1:

700 – Selected topics in Sociology I – Immigration

Please Note: This course focuses on the socioeconomic integration of immigrants in the Global North. Students who are interested in political and spatial integration and migration issues in the Global South may not find the course relevant to their research. If you have any questions about this, please contact the instructor directly.

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 08:30 - 11:30

Instructor: Lisa Kaida - kaidar@mcmaster.ca

Location: KTH 712

Description: This course focuses on contemporary debates and developments in the research on international migration and immigrant integration. Required readings include sociological works on major immigrant destinations in the Global North (e.g. Canada, U.S.). Emphasis will be placed on the socioeconomic integration of immigrants and immigrant offspring (e.g. declining economic outcomes of new immigrants, determinants of immigrant language proficiency, educational attainment of the second generation). Upon completion of this course, students will have gained broad knowledge of the sociology of immigration and learned to write an extensive critical literature review on a select topic on immigration.

758 – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Course Schedule: Fridays, 11:30 - 14:30

Instructor: Dr. Jeff Denis - denisj@mcmaster.ca

Location: KTH 712

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.

Term 2:

759 – Sociology of Gender

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 14:30 - 17:30

Instructor: Dr. Melanie Heath - mheath@mcmaster.ca

Location: KTH 712

Description: This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the sociology of gender at the graduate level. In the first few weeks, we will tackle the fluid, hard-to-pin-down, contested meanings of the terms sex and gender that reflect a range of theories from essentialist/biological to social constructionist to poststructuralist. After establishing our bearings in the theories and methods of gender studies, this seminar will engage with provocative and contemporary empirical research that analyzes gender as a central axis of inequality, along with class, race, ethnicity, nationality, and sexuality. We will pay particular attention to the relationship between gender, sexuality and power. In thinking about the confounding domains of gender, sex, and sexuality, we will read texts in the emergent field of transgender studies that raise broad questions about the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of gender, feminist, and sexuality studies. Thematic topics include feminist theory; feminist methods; transgressive sexual identities; masculinities; militarism; work and family relationships in the global economy; immigration; and states and social movements.