



## Student and Faculty Guidelines

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### GENERAL

GSJ 500 is an individual study course pursued by a student in any graduate program that is supervised by a WGS faculty member. It is a directed reading course in which a student works with a professor on a topic that is of interest to both parties.

Students planning to register in GSJ 500 should consult with the Graduate Chair or Advisor or an appropriate faculty supervisor well in advance of registration.

### PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION IN GSJ 500

Students are responsible to select a general topic and to solicit a supervisor for this topic. Supervisors may be regular or affiliated faculty members of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies. Faculty research interests and expertise are normally described on their departmental webpages, and this is a good place to look for a supervisor. Please note that professors are not obliged to supervise any project, and that you may need to contact several potential supervisors before finding a good fit. In addition to discussing your research interests, students and supervisors should be sure to discuss how the student's work will be assessed, ideally producing a short syllabus indicating the nature of assignments and assessments.

Once you have a supervisor, you will need to fill out a registration form, which requires signatures from the student and GSJ 500 supervisor. Please note that the registration form requires a unique title that is less than 30 characters long. This title will appear on your transcript.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Although the nature of coursework is not determined in advance, students and supervisors should keep in mind that, as a 3 credit graduate course, the workload for GSJ 500 ought to be roughly equivalent to that of any other 500 level course in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies. Specific requirements are to be determined in consultation between the student and their advisor.

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