

# Fall 2011

## Variable Topics in Women's Studies

### Disability and Gender

WS 3998, Section 003

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Mondays & Wednesdays 2:00 – 3:15 PM  
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This course examines the social, historical, cultural, and political constructions of the intersecting categories of gender and disability. Through a wide variety of texts and cultural examples, we will explore how disability is gendered, gender is disabled, and both are interwoven by race, ethnicity, class, nationality, sexuality, and subcultures. In this course, disability is widely defined to include a range of impairments, differences, and any other features that could be considered different. We will also explore certain ethical issues relating to gender and disability including prenatal testing, ethics of care, and sexual agency. The course is interdisciplinary and will use popular cultural texts including reality television, history, ethics, and autobiography to aid in our exploration.

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