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| Gender and Law |
| **Faculty** | Faculty of Arts |
| **Home Department** | Women’s and Gender Studies/Faculty of Law |
| **Module Topic** | Gender and Law |
| **Generic Module Name** | Women’s and Gender Studies 706 |
| **Alpha-numeric Code** | WGS 706 |
| **NQF Level** |  |
| **NQF Credit Value** | 30 |
| **Duration** | Semester |
| **Proposed Semester** |  |
| **Programme** |  |
| **Year Level** | 8 |
| **Main Outcomes** | Students will be able to understand key issues, which will include: • the notion of difference within law; • courts’ understanding of sex and gender equality under law; • how the courts and legal system respond to violence against women; • the impact of custom and culture on women in Africa; • the impact of armed conflict on women in Africa.  |
| **Main Content** | Module content: • An introduction to feminist legal and political theory • Rights of women under national, regional and international human rights instruments (with particular reference to women in Africa) • Legal issues affecting women in South Africa’s age of constitutionalism (capita selecta from the following, as determined by the Faculty Subject Group): • equality, differentiation and the notion of on-discrimination; • affirmative action in employment law; • social security rights; • violence and the right to personal autonomy and security; • the gender-specific impact of custom, culture and religion; • the gendered impact of the law of armed conflict.  |
| **Pre-requisite Modules** | Undergraduate Degree |
| **Co-requisite Modules** | None |
| **Prohibited Module Combo** | None |
| **Breakdown of Learning** | 1. **Hours**
 | 1. **Time-Table Requirement per Week**
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| *Contact with Lecturer/Tutor* | 50 | Lectures p.w. | 1 |
| *Assignments and Tasks* | 70 | Practicals p.w. |  |
| *Practicals* |  | Tutorials p.w. |  |
| *Tutorial* |  |  |  |
| *Self-Study* | 120 |  |  |
| *Tests/Examinations* | 60 |  |  |
| *Other: Project/Essay* |  |  |  |
| **Total Learning Time** | 300 |  |  |
| **Method of Assessment** | Research PaperOral PresentationFinal Exam | 30%20%50% |  |
| **Assessment Module Type** |  |  |