

# Spring 2010

## GWST 338 Women and Law

Tuesdays, 7:10 – 9:40 p.m.

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This course examines ways in which gender affects rights within the American civil and criminal legal systems. It explores the interrelationship between traditional attitudes and stereotypes concerning women's roles in society and the historical development of women's legal rights. The course focuses on the consequences of sex differences in shaping the rights of persons under the U.S. Constitution - statutory remedies to discrimination in employment and education, legal issues relating to reproduction and personal life, and the response of criminal law to issues affecting women, including domestic violence, rape and prostitution. Also listed as POLI 338.

**Prerequisite:** One prior course in political science or gender and women's studies.

Carrie Evans has extensive experience working as a legislative and policy expert in gender, First Nations/indigenous, and LGBTQ areas. She has an M.A. in Sociology and earned a J.D. in 1997.