

[Women and the Law--SWMS 349](#)

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This course approaches the history of U.S. Women through the legal regulation of marriage, legitimacy, and family policy. The goal is to decenter the traditional narrative of women's history, which focuses on organized social movements, usually defined through the writings and experiences of elite white women.

Although this is listed as a 300 level lecture course, it is capped at 15 students and will follow the format of a 400 level seminar (except that its grade will be based more on in class participation and a series of essays and presentations than on a single substantial research paper).

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