

**JNST O00N**

**Title: Pathologizing the Female Body**

**T/TH 9:30-10:50am**

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**4 credits**

When it comes to the female body, Western medical and philosophical thinking often blends together the sexual and biological body with social and moral expectations. The father of Western medicine, Hippocrates, treated the female body as unruly, and the womb as mechanistic cause for most of women's ailments. These ideas have persisted through time, and continue to be relevant thought. As a result, illnesses such as anorexia and hysteria can be seen as a reaction to and consequence of the patriarchal system that governs female bodies.