



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 653.2 Lec 01 – Topics in Social and Political Philosophy
“Feminist Political Thought”**

Winter Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: (SH 262 R 3:30-6:20)

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Course Description

This course will examine a variety of topics in feminist political thought with a focus on some of the tensions between liberalism and non-liberal feminist theorists. We will begin generally with getting an idea of what feminism is especially in the second wave period and then move on to some topics which will include investigating issues in equality of resources, contract theory, sexuality, pornography and prostitution as well as perhaps some student driven choices. Overarching themes for discussing particular topics will include gender, choice and objectification.

Required Texts

Catharine MacKinnon. *Women's Lives, Men's Laws*. Harvard University Press.

Evaluation

Weekly writing 20 %

Students are expected to contribute weekly reflections on the readings. These are due at 10 am Thursday mornings prior to the class. I like hard copy but will accept email.

Presentation 25%

These will be group presentations of about 10-15 minutes. Each group will present some reading to the class. Presentations will be done in the second half the semester with the precise dates to be determined later.

Term paper (15 pages) 50%

Due April 20

Participation 5%

All students are expected to attend class and to contribute regularly to the class discussion.

Grading Method

Individual assignments will be graded on the following scale. The cumulative score will be calculated by using the standard scale of A=4, A- =3.7, B+ = 3.3 etc.

A+ 95-100	C+ 65-69
A 90-94	C 60-65
A- 85-89	C- 57-59
B+ 80-84	D+ 54-56
B 75-79	D 50-53
B- 70-74	Below 50 F

Policy on Late Assignments

Late assignments will be accepted provided adequate reasons are given, in advance when possible

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.