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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 337 Lec 01**  
**“Philosophy, Feminism and Gender”**

Fall 2016

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: T 5:30-8:15 pm in MS 319**

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***Course Description***

This course will survey a variety of issues in feminist philosophy such as patriarchy, sex and gender, relation between theory and practice, porn wars, and post feminism as well as looking more specifically at some issues in gender including gender binarism, intersex and transgender.

***Required Texts***

Lorna Finlayson, *An Introduction to Feminism*, Cambridge University Press, 2016

Shannon Dea, *Beyond the Binary: Thinking about Sex and Gender*, Broadview Press, 2016

Other readings will be posted to D2L

***Grading Method***

All course work will be graded pass/fail. The number of assignments that are passed will determine the final grade.

A= passing all of: 2 take home exams, 8 reading responses, a poster presentation and a term paper

B= passing all of: 2 take home exams, 8 reading responses and a poster presentation

C= passing all of: 2 take home exams and 6 reading responses

D=passing both of 2 take home exams

These specify the minimum requirements for each grade. Plus or minus grades will be determined by missing or extra reading responses.

F= failure to pass at least two take home exams.

Grades may be raised to a plus by doing two extra reading responses. For instance, a student who passed 2 take home exams and 8 reading responses would receive a C+. No more than two extra reading responses will receive credit.

Grades will be lowered based on missing reading responses. For each 1 or 2 responses missing, the grade will be lowered to the next grade down. For example, a student who passed 2 take home exams and the poster presentation, but only 6 or 7 reading responses would receive a B-; if a student passed 2 take home exams and a poster presentation, but only 4 or 5 reading responses she would receive a C+ etc.

### ***Evaluation***

2 take home exams due Friday November 4 and Friday December 9 in the electronic dropbox on D2L. Only submissions via the electronic drop box will be submitted. The exams will be made available on D2L no later than 10 days prior to the due dates.

Reading Responses are reflections on the readings that are assigned for the day that the response is submitted. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of what the relevant reading is for any given week. They to be handed in at the beginning of class and may be handed in any week starting Tuesday September 20 until the maximum have been passed. The final day for submitting a reading response is Tuesday December 6. Details about expectations for the readings responses are to be found in the assignments section on D2L.

Posters are to be done in groups (of roughly four people) and the posters are to be presented in class on November 29. Groups will be assigned after the add/drop period.

Term paper (2300-2600 words) to be handed in in class Tuesday December 6. Topics will be made available on D2L no later than Tuesday November 8.

**There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.**

### ***Policy on Late Assignments***

Response writings will not be accepted late. Students who are unable to attend a class may contact me about other submissions methods, but each response must be received on the Monday after the week to which it is a response. Note that students are only required to respond to 8 of the 13 weeks so if you can't do one on time in one week, you hand it in for the next week instead.

Students are expected hand all other assignments in by the due date except when there is a compelling reason for being late. When possible, students are expected to make arrangements in advance. Where no alternative arrangements have been made late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day.

### **Academic Honesty**

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, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

### **Academic Accommodation**

Student's seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

### **D2L Help**

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

### Student Advising and Information Resources

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning – Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca). Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.
- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** – You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the Department Manager, Merlette Schnell, [schnell@ucalgary.ca](mailto:schnell@ucalgary.ca).

### Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor or teaching assistant.

### Safewalk

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

#### PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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