



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Philosophy

PHIL 695.3 Lec 01
“Graduate Directed Reading”
Race and Gender
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Course Outline

Lectures: TBA

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Course Description

This course engages with various topics in the epistemology and metaphysics of race and gender, including: realist, historicist and social constructionist theories, essentialism and anti-essentialism, and intersectionality.

Course Learning Outcomes

- explore contesting interpretations of race and gender; including realist, historicist and social constructionist theories, essentialism and anti-essentialism, and intersectionality.
- understand the ways in which historical—especially 19th century—interpretations of race and gender continue to inform contemporary dialogue about race;
- experience both teamwork and competition with their classmates; and
- improve their skills in persuasive communication, with written and spoken work.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

All readings will be made available electronically. A schedule of topics and reading assignments will be provided during the first week of classes.

Course Assessment

Students are expected to sit in on meetings of Philosophy 499.03 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:45 pm, and meet with the instructor separately for an hour a week at a time to be agreed upon.

Students will be assessed for a grade based on two components: participation in the Frederick Douglass Reacting to the Past Game and a Term Paper.

Reacting to the Past: Frederick Douglass (February 27th – March 29th)

Active Participation in the game via impromptu speaking during meetings and/or behind the scenes work advancing your character's agenda (10%).

4 Meeting Assignments For each of the three "meetings" which constitute the game students will have an opportunity to prepare a formal speech, a publication addressing other characters, and/or a "Broadside" (a kind of promotional poster). Each "meeting" will have three classroom days assigned to it – your assignments may be submitted on any of these days. You must submit at least one assignment for each meeting. (40%)

Term paper A standard philosophical paper addressing conceptions of race and/or gender as discussed during the course of the class. This will be graded using the standard letter grade scale as given in the University Calendar. (50%) **Due April 20th**

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, 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

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

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.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> . Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombuds' Office (ucalgary.ca/ombuds/) ombuds@ucalgary.ca
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>