

WMST 201 L01
Introduction to Women's Studies
Fall 2013
Tue & Thurs. 09:30 – 10:45 ST 141
(Sept. 10, 2013 – Dec. 5, 2013)

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Course Description

Introduction to Women's Studies (from the Academic Calendar description)

An introduction to academic feminism that critically deconstructs cultural notions of sex, gender, race, class and other social stratifiers; discusses contemporary and classical feminist perspectives; and examines feminist work and activism.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Explain the formation of the academic field of Women's Studies in North America
2. Identify and apply various foundational feminist theories.
3. Recognize the importance of analyzing gender, race, class, sexuality and other social stratifiers from an intersectional framework.
4. Describe historical and contemporary issues facing primarily Canadian women.
5. Give examples of feminist activism.

Textbooks and Readings (Available at the UofC bookstore):

Mandell, Nancy. (2009). *Feminist Issues: Race, Class and Sexuality*. Toronto: Pearson.

MUST BE 5th Edition

Hobbs, M. & Rice, C. (2013). *Gender and Women's Studies in Canada: Critical Terrain*. Toronto: Women's Press.

Assignments and Evaluation

Date	Evaluation	Value toward final grade
Sept 26	Quiz 1	20%
Oct. 8	Quiz 2	20%
Oct. 29	Quiz 3	20%
Nov. 14	Quiz 4	20%
Dec. 5 hard copy only	Final Take Home Exam	20%

Quizzes

- will be two stage exams (individual and group components)
- based on lecture notes, the textbooks, class discussions, videos
- will be non-cumulative.
- Missed quizzes with supporting documentation will NOT be allowed to write the missed quiz but instead, may be required to do a make-up assignment specifically, a 2-3 page typed double-spaced essay based on the missed quiz topics; details will vary for each individual situation.

Take Home Final Exam

- questions with detailed instructions will be distributed Nov. 21st.
- will consist of short answers and cumulatively cover major themes from the course.

It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment.

Note: Please hand in your essays directly to your instructor. If it is not possible to do so, a daytime drop box is available in SS102. A night drop box is also available for after-hours submission at SS102. Assignments will be removed from the drop box the following morning and stamped with the CURRENT day's date, then placed in the instructor's mailbox.

Registrar-scheduled Final Examination: No

Policy for Late Assignments

Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day late. After the three days late an "F" grade will result. Exceptions may be made with supporting documentation (e.g. doctor's note).

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam.**

For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

Grading System

Letter	Grading Scale		
	Range	Usually Graded As	Point
A+	96-100	98	4
A	90-95.99	93	4
A -	85-89.99	87	3.7
B+	80-84.99	83	3.3
B	75-79.99	77	3
B-	70-74.99	72	2.7
C+	65-69.99	67	2.3
C	60-64.99	62	2
C-	55-59.99	57	1.7
D+	53-54.99	54	1.3
D	50-52.99	52	1
F	0-49	0	0

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

Available on Blackboard (www.blackboard.ucalgary.ca) before the first day of class

Plagiarism

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university.

You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources.

Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.

Internet and electronic communication device information

Please turn off cell phones. Laptops are allowed in class as long as they are not distracting other students.

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof please see the current University of Calgary Calendar at the following link;

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

Academic Accommodation Policy

If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation, it is your responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre (220-8237) and discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course. For further information, please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/46>

Emergency Evacuation and Assembly points

Please note the evacuation points for this particular classroom. All classrooms on campus exit to specific places in case of emergency. The emergency assembly points differ depending upon where your classroom is located. For information on the emergency evacuation procedures and the assembly points see

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

"SAFEWALK" Program

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night -- call 403-220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

Women's Resource Centre (Rm 318 Old Mac Hall)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/women/>

Student Representation Arts reps may be contacted by any one of four email addresses: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@su.ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 4th Floor of MacEwan Student Centre.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.