

WMST 311 (01)
FEMINIST THEORIZING
FALL 2014
M/W/F
9 – 9:50 AM
PF120

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COURSE DESCRIPTION (FROM ACADEMIC CALENDAR)

Feminist theories help us understand why things are the way they are, and suggest useful strategies for appropriate social change. This course will critically consider contemporary approaches to feminist theorizing and their historical bases.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To describe the historical contexts for multiple feminisms, feminist theories and social change.
- To differentiate the key concepts and authors for each feminist theory covered in the course.
- To analyse current gender issues using at least two feminist theories.

TEXTBOOKS AND ASSIGNED READINGS

There is no textbook for this course.

All assigned readings will be available electronically or available through the University library.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

Reflection	10%
Exam	25%
Analytic Paper	35%
Final Take Home Exam	30%
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Reflection (10%) Due Oct. 3 – This assignment will give students the opportunity to provide a sample of their writing both for style and critical thinking skills. Consisting of 1-2 pages students will be required to provide a brief reflection on a gender issue of their choice and explain how one of the theories studied to date would address possible origins and solutions for social change.

In Class Exam (25%) Oct. 29

Closed Book. 50 min. Questions will test fundamental theoretical concepts covered to date in the form of short paragraph responses.

Analytic Paper (35%) Due Nov.14th This assignment will require students to critically compare and contrast at least two feminist theories in relation to a list of suggested topics. Paper length 8 pages.

Final Take Home Exam (30%) Due Dec. 12th Questions for this exam will be given out 2 weeks in advance of the due date. Questions will consist of short paragraph form and one short essay.

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 SS 102. A night drop box is also available for after-hours submission. Assignments will be removed from this drop box at 8:30 each morning and stamped with the date that the assignment is removed from the drop box, and then placed in the instructor's mailbox.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS – AVAILABLE ONLINE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

REGISTRAR-SCHEDULED FINAL EXAM

There **will not** be a Registrar-Scheduled final exam in this course.

GRADING SCALE

A+	96 – 100%
A	90 – 95.99%
A -	85 – 89.99%
B+	80 – 84.99%
B	75 – 79.99%
B -	70 – 74.99%

C+	65 – 69.99%
C	60 – 64.99%
C -	54 – 59.99%
D+	53 – 54.99%
D	50 – 52.99%
F	0 – 49.99%

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

For example: Assignments submitted after the deadline will be penalized with the loss of a letter grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day that they are late.

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. You will also 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>.

PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

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.

For more information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof, please see the current University of Calgary Calendar online at <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 Student Accessibility Services (403-220-8237). You must discuss your needs with your instructor **no later than** fourteen (14) calendar days after the start of the course.

For more information, please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>.

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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

There are four Arts Representatives in the Student’s Union. Their addresses are as follows:

arts1@su.ucalgary.ca

arts2@su.ucalgary.ca

arts3@su.ucalgary.ca

arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Please contact them if you have any questions related to Student Union matters, events, or concerns. The Student’s Union can be found online at <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>.

For your student Ombudsperson, please see contact ombuds@ucalgary.ca or call 403-220-6420.

FACULTY OF ARTS ADVISING AND RESOURCES

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call them at (403) 220-3580 or email them at picarts@ucalgary.ca.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Program Information Centre at (403) 220-3580 or visit them in SS102.
- 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 (MLB 117).