

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2015

Course	Rels 381 L01 Gender, Sex and Religion
Time	T. TH. 11.00-12.15
Instructor	Dr M. Joy
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Required Text(s):

April D. DeConick, Holy Misogyny, Continuum, 2011.

Kathy Rudy, Sex and the **Church**, Beacon Press, 1997.

There will also be a course pack available from the bookstore.

Course Description: The term “gender” today can have multiple meanings. This course will explore certain of these more prominent concepts: sex and gender, gender difference, and gender construction, intersectionality, as well as examine ideals of a gender-specific nature. Its primary focus will be to help students understand these terms in relation to important contemporary issues and debates, and their relevance for Religious Studies. A primary focus will be the manner in which gender norms have been shaped by cultural institutions and the contribution that scholars of religion are contributing today to such discussions.

Online elements for this course:

The Desire2Learn system will be used for communication, reporting grades on tests and exams, and posting notes and announcements.

Core Competencies:

Students will work on the following skills: critical appraisal of arguments and theories; practical application of theories and concepts presented in course readings and lectures; and clear expression of ideas in both written assignments and oral presentations.

Course Requirements:

Date	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
6th October	Response paper	10%	
27th October	Response paper	10%	

5th November	Midterm Exam	35%	
24 th November	Response paper	10%	
3rd December	Final essay	35%	
There will be no final exam			

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Please be aware that all three written assignments are directed to specific course content:

Assignment 1. From 8th September to 24th September

Assignment 2. From 6th October to 22nd October

Assignment 3. From 27th October to 12th November

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessment

All dates are firm. Without acceptable documentation (i.e. medical certificate, police report, bereavement notice, confirmation of religious observance, or court summons), missed assessments will be awarded an 'F'. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS IN YOUR DECISION TO CONTINUE WITH THIS COURSE.

This policy is intended to encourage diligence and integrity among students as well as to uphold principles of fairness and equality with respect to other students in the class. Excuses other than those listed above will receive little attention.

Electronic Device Policy:

No electronic recording of class allowed.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus of specific class readings will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: [HYPERLINK "http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html"](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)

http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.)If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

Student Accommodations

Students 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 additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an 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.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help

Go to HYPERLINK "<http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students>"

<http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please

email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>"

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Classics Student Society

Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: HYPERLINK "<mailto:classsoc@ucalgary.ca>" classsoc@ucalgary.ca or visit HYPERLINK "<http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>"

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Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at

ascarts@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 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.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>" www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at HYPERLINK "<mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca>" arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

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 HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>" www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.