



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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

Fall Term 2010

Course Outline

Lectures: MW 3:00-4:15 pm, EDC 287

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Course Description

In this course we will examine a set of issues in feminist philosophy including gender difference, feminine norms of appearance, sexed language, work and family issues, sexual harassment, pornography, abortion, feminist ethics and feminist epistemology and science.

Required Texts

Jennifer Saul, *Feminism: Issues and Arguments*, Oxford University Press, 2003

Readings on blackboard

Evaluation

1. Weekly response writing (10) 30% Due Mondays in class beginning September 20th. The final response is due on December 13th. The final response is to be submitted in the drop box in the Philosophy Department prior to 4 pm. In weeks where there is no class on Monday, the response writing is due in class on the Wednesday. Students who are unable to attend a class should contact me to discuss an alternative for handing in the response.
Weekly response writings are critical responses to the readings and class discussions for the previous week. They are an opportunity for you to reflect further on the readings and discussion. These are pass/fail only. For each satisfactory response completed (up to a maximum of 10) you will receive 3 points for a possible total of 30 points out of the 100 points available for the class. If a response is unsatisfactory, you may rewrite it. Rewrites are due the class following the return of the responses in class.
2. First Essay 30% Due Wednesday October 27th in class or in the drop box in the Philosophy Department by 4 pm. Ten percent (10%) of the essay grade will be based on the prior submission of an idea tree and thesis statement to be handed in 2 weeks prior to the essay (Wednesday October 13th) in class or in the drop box before 4 pm.

3. Second Essay 40% Due Wednesday December 8th in class or in the drop box in the Philosophy Department prior to 4 pm. Ten percent (10%) of the essay grade will be based on the prior submission of an idea tree and thesis statement to be handed in 2 weeks prior to the essay (Wednesday November 24th) in class or in the drop box before 4 pm.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

Grading Scale

99-100 = A+	85-89 = B+	70-74 = C+	55-59 = D+
94-98 = A	80-84 = B	65-69 = C	50-54 = D
89-93 = A-	75-79 = B-	60-64 = C-	< 50 = F

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 10 of the 13 weeks.

Students are expected hand essays in by the due date except when the student has a compelling reason for being late and has made arrangements to hand the paper in at a later day. Where no alternative arrangements have been made late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 2% per day.

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, 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 and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

The Faculty of Arts Representatives are Laura Golebiowski (arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), Bhuvana Sankaranarayanan (arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), Lara Schmitz (arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), and Vincent St. Pierre (arts4@su.ucalgary.ca).

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. 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 unless other arrangements have been made in writing and filed with the Department Administrator.

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