



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

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

Fall Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: MW 3:30-4:45 in SS 113

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Course Description

In this course we will examine a set of issues in feminist philosophy including gender, gender difference, feminist epistemology and philosophy of science, work and family issues, and issues in feminism and sexuality including pornography and abortion.

Required Texts

Georgia Warnke, *Debating Sex and Gender*, Oxford University Press, 2010

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

Supplementary Journal Articles, most of which are linked on Blackboard.

Evaluation

1. Response writing (8) 15%

Due Mondays in class beginning September 17th. 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 may hand in the response prior to 4 pm in the 337 drop box in the Philosophy department. Responses to the last week of class may be handed in December 10th in the 337 drop box in the philosophy department prior to 4 pm.

These are pass/fail only. Response writings are reflections on the class discussions and readings of the previous week. They are an opportunity for you to reflect further on the readings and discussion. The responses are not summaries of the reading or lectures. Summaries will not be counted as satisfactory.

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| 2. Gender Portfolio | 20% | A portfolio is a collection of images, news items, blogs, videos or anything you want that makes a statement about gender. It could be a website, a DVD, a poster or.... Due Monday December 1. |
| 3. 2 Gender Analyses | 25% each | Due Wednesday October 10 th and Wednesday November 14 th . A list of subjects for the analysis will be provided prior to the due date. |
| 4. Group Presentations | 15% | Presentations will be the last two weeks of class. |

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam

Grading Method

Provide information on grading methods and/or scales used.

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 8 of the 13 weeks so if you can't do one on time in one week, you hand it in for the next week instead.

Students are expected hand all other assignments in by the due date except when there is a compelling reason for being late. When possible, students are expected to make arrangements in advance. Where no alternative arrangements have been made late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% 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.

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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.

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