

## Women's Studies 201: An Interdisciplinary Introduction to the Study of Women Spring 2005

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### Description

This course is an interdisciplinary introduction to the study of women. We will combine history, literature, women's studies, and philosophy to look at the pervasiveness and effects of the sex-gender distinction, the role of religion and politics in preserving this distinction, and how the feminist movements from the Enlightenment to the present suggest overcoming this distinction.

### Required Texts

*Feminist Theory a Philosophical Anthology*, Ann E. Cudd and Robin O. Andreason

*When God Was a Woman*, Merlin Stone

*The Book of the City of Ladies*, Christine de Pizan

*America's Women: 400 Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates, and Heroines*, Gail Collins

*The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston

### Grading Criteria

Attendance/Participation	3 points per class period	126 points
Weekly Response Papers	13 @ 10 points each	130 points
Unannounced Quizzes	6 @ 10 points each	60 points
Three In-Class Exams	3 @ 100 points each	300 points
Final Exam	100 points	100 points

### Attendance/Participation

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class meeting. You are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Insofar as the course integrates lecture and discussion, you are expected to participate in focused discussions of the readings, raise questions, challenge the readings, etc. Occupying a seat in the classroom does not count as participation.

If you enter the classroom after I have taken attendance, it is your responsibility to inform me of your presences *at the end of the class period*. Absences will only be excused in cases of illness (with a doctor's note), death in the family (with proof), university activities (with a note and contact information of the individual in charge). In the cases of extreme illness and/or family death, the proper documentation must be presented at the first class meeting you attend after the illness or death. In order to be excused for university activities, proper documentation must be presented during the class meeting immediately prior to your expected absence. **An excused absence does not exempt you from assignments/quizzes/exams that are due/given on the day you are absent. Exceptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.**

### Weekly Response Papers

You are expected to submit a response paper for each week class is in attendance, excluding the weeks exams are scheduled. These papers are to be no more than one double-spaced, typed, page in length on your choice of topics from the assigned readings for the week. **Handwritten assignments are not acceptable.** The response papers are notes on your reading to insure that you do the reading and to provide a basis for questions and discussion in class. They should take the form of trying to identify key ideas and issues in the readings, and of raising questions of information and interpretation. These are informal assignments. However, you do need to cite the text, and give a clear explanation of what the author is saying. **You are to bring your response papers with you to class on the dates indicated on the attached schedule, and turn them in at the end of the hour. No late papers will be accepted. Do not email your paper. Do not put your paper in my mailbox. Do not slide your paper underneath my office door.**

### Quizzes

There will be six, unannounced, quizzes throughout the semester. These quizzes will focus on the reading material. **No makeup quizzes will be given. No exceptions.**

### In-Class Exams

There will be three in-class exams. The dates for the exams are on the attached schedule. The format of the exams will be explained prior to the exam date. **Makeup exams will only be given in extreme circumstances, and this will be determined on a case-by-case basis.**

### Final Exam

See the University of Kansas Timetable for the final schedule. The final will not be comprehensive, but will cover the material from exam three to the end of the semester.

### **Academic Misconduct**

Quite simply, academic misconduct will not be tolerated. If a student is found guilty of academic misconduct, she/he will be subject to an administrative withdrawal or a grade of 'F,' and a possible reporting to the Dean of the student's academic unit.

### USSR 2.6.1 provides the following definition of student academic misconduct:

“Academic misconduct by a student shall include, but not be limited to, disruption of classes; threatening an instructor or fellow student in an academic setting; giving or receiving an unauthorized aid on examinations or in the preparation of notebooks, themes, reports or other assignments; knowingly misrepresenting the source of any academic work; unauthorized changing of grades; unauthorized use of University approvals or forging signatures; falsifications of research results; plagiarizing another's work; violation of regulations or ethical codes for the treatment of human and animal subjects; or otherwise acting dishonestly in research.”

### **In addition, the following will not be tolerated:**

Reading of materials other than the text during class.  
Talking while the instructor or another student is speaking.  
Sending email messages.

Sleeping.  
Insults or rude comments.  
Do not bring your laptop to class.  
**Turn off cell phones before class**

### **Students with Disabilities**

The staff of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in 135 Strong Hall, 785-864-2620, and coordinates accommodations and services for KU courses. If you have a disability for which you may request accommodation in any KU classes, please contact them as soon as possible. Also, please see me privately in regards to this particular class.

### **Response Paper/Exam Schedule**

Jan. 28	Response Paper
Feb. 4	Response Paper
Feb. 11	Response Paper, Review
<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>Exam</b>
Feb. 25	Response Paper
Mar. 4	Response Paper
Mar. 11	Response Paper, Review
<b>Mar. 18</b>	<b>Exam</b>
Mar. 31	Response Paper
Apr. 7	Response Paper,
Apr. 14	Response Paper, Review
<b>Apr. 21</b>	<b>Exam</b>
Apr. 28	Response Paper
May 5	Response Paper
May 12	Response Paper, Review

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

**Reading assignments will be announced on a week-by-week basis (each Friday). If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out what the reading assignment is for the following week.**