

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2011**

**Philosophy 2077F: Gender and Sexuality
Previously Philosophy 151F/G**

Fall Term 2011
Tues. 3:30-5:30pm, Thurs. 3:30-4:30pm
TC 303

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Drawing on a selection of readings from philosophy and other disciplines, we will explore the concepts of sex, gender and sexuality as they are lived and experienced. Topics include: challenges to binary models of sex/gender/sexuality; expressions of gender including femininities and masculinities; neurosexism and sex/gender in science; gendered global economies and nationalisms; sexual orientations and practices; and social impacts of gender norms and representations.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To develop students' abilities to make and critique philosophical arguments;
- 2) To familiarize students with relevant debates in feminist and queer theory, and to understand the complexity of these debates;
- 3) To enable students to articulate and revise their own position in relation to these debates;
- 4) To encourage students to recognize and critically engage with contributions to these debates in academic literature and popular media.

TEXTS

Doing Gender Diversity: Readings in Theory and Real-World Experience
Plante, Rebecca F. and Lis M. Maurer, Eds. Westview Press, 2010.

PdF's and links to articles online, available on WebCT

REQUIREMENTS

First essay, 4-5 pages (due Oct. 13th)	25%
Second essay, 6-7 pages (due Nov. 22nd)	30%
Short assignment, 2 pages (due Oct. 27rst)	10%
Final exam	30%
Participation	5%

ASSIGNMENTS:

Please submit all assignments to **BOTH** the WebCT drop box and to Turnitin. Do not submit a hardcopy of your essays.

TURNITIN:

All papers must be submitted to Turnitin. Please go to Turnitin.com and add yourself to our class. To do this you will need our:

class ID: 4130828

enrollment password: SexGender

LATE POLICY:

Late papers will be accepted with a penalty of 2% per day. Papers more than seven days late will not be accepted, unless accommodation is granted **by your academic counselor.**

If for any reason you cannot submit the paper to either Turnitin or to the WebCT dropbox, please e-mail a copy of your paper to the instructor by the due date to prevent your paper from being considered late. Your papers, however, cannot be graded until they are successfully submitted to Turnitin.

WEBCT:

Please check the announcements section of webct regularly.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES 2008-2009

Proficiency in English: Students are reminded that University policy requires proficiency in English to be taken into account in the assignment of grades in all courses (see 2008 Calendar, p. 33).

Scholastic Offenses

Plagiarism. Plagiarism is a form of cheating. It is viewed as a very serious scholastic offense by the University, and is treated as such. Penalties for plagiarism range from a failing grade for the assignment or the course to suspension or even expulsion from the University (see 2008 Calendar, p. 38-40). As well, it also automatically leads to the establishment of a scholastic offense record in the Dean's Office of the student's home faculty.

Plagiarism is *unacknowledged copying or paraphrasing of the words or ideas of another person*. In general, anyone who learns something from a source (other than course lectures or general background knowledge any student of the course could reasonably be expected to have) and then presents that knowledge as their own discovery is considered to have plagiarized, even if the words used to express the ideas are not exactly the same. Other examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- misrepresenting co-authored or group work as individually done;
- cutting and pasting copied or paraphrased work by others in with your own work;
- paraphrasing or altering the order of words or phrases and/or substituting words or phrases of similar meaning without acknowledging that you are doing so.

In your written work, you should take care to make adequate reference to the sources of the ideas and words you borrow, either in your footnotes, endnotes, or in the body of your text. Your instructor will be happy to show you a proper method of documenting your sources.

Plagiarism checking. The Department of Philosophy has adopted a policy requiring that all written assignments for courses at the 1000-, and 2000-levels be submitted electronically to <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin.com is a service designed to help students protect the copyright in their work and professors to identify plagiarism. Instructors will receive a report from the website determining each paper's "originality content." The Department will assign penalties when plagiarism is discovered, or when there is a significant discrepancy between the electronic version and the hard copy. More information is available at <http://turnitin.uwo.ca>. Students in upper year courses may also be required to submit their written work to <http://turnitin.com> for plagiarism checking.

The University of Western Ontario and the Philosophy Department treat a number of other practices as academic offenses. These include but are not limited to:

- **Recycling:** Submitting for credit any academic work for which credit previously has been obtained or is being sought in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere without the knowledge and *written* approval of the instructor to whom it is/was originally submitted.

- **Cheating** on an examination or falsifying material subject to academic evaluation.
- **Aiding or abetting** any such offense.

Further information about the range of scholastic offenses can be obtained from the 2011 UWO Calendar (p. 38) or at <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2008/pg136.html>.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES 2008-2009

1. Please consult the Undergraduate bulletin board, beside **Talbot College Room 316** for the departmental directory, instructors' office hours, course listings, examination schedules, important dates for the 2008-2009 academic year, and miscellaneous items of interest to undergraduate students. Also consult the Department web site at <http://www.uwo.ca/philosophy>.
2. Instructors and tutorial leaders make their own appointments. Information about how to contact your instructor can be found on your course outline. Students wanting to contact their instructors or tutorial leaders at other times may leave a note in the drop-off box.
3. Students should submit course work directly to their instructor or tutorial leader during class or office hours. When this is not possible, work may be placed in the Philosophy Department drop-off box across from TC 316. Items will be date-stamped (not time-stamped) and delivered to instructors' mailboxes three times daily -- at approximately 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. Work received **after 4:15 p.m.** will be date-stamped for the following day. Essays sent by fax cannot be accepted. Essays submitted by email, with the prior consent of the instructor, should be sent to the instructor's email address.
4. Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. **Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.** Academic Policies on examinations, appeals, absences due to illness, etc. may be found in the 2008 Calendar, p.41, Student Academic Responsibilities p. 33-41. For further information, contact the Philosophy Undergraduate Academic Counsellor Professor D. Klimchuk, TC 416, 661-2111 ext. 85758, your Faculty's Academic Counselor, or the Ombudsperson.
5. Students who miss classes or parts of classes are responsible for the material they have missed. Instructors are not obliged to review the contents of lectures, repeat announcements or retain notes, handouts or overheads.
Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or tutorials may be reported to the Dean and, with the recommendation of the Department concerned, and the permission of the Dean, debarred from taking the final examination in the course. See 2008 Calendar, p. 33.

6. **All course work** (with the exception of final examinations) must be submitted *by the last day of classes*. (Students seeking return of course work after the last meeting of the term should leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their instructor.) Exceptions to these work submission dates may be granted only as a result of petition to the Academic Counsellor of the student's faculty. Instructors have *no authority* to waive this requirement, and any unofficial arrangements they make with students will not be respected by the administration. This does not preclude instructors from setting earlier deadlines for course work.
7. The Department of Philosophy's Committee on Women's Concerns was formed to promote and ensure a non-sexist environment for all who work and study in the department. Further information, including a broader statement of the Committee's mandate is provided on the CWC poster on the undergraduate bulletin board. Students are encouraged to consult and implement the departmental guidelines for the non-sexist use of language posted on the undergraduate bulletin board.
8. **Final marks** for courses can be obtained from your Student Center (<http://student.uwo.ca>). Consult your master timetable for information on how to do this.