## OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.

Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor.

### POSC 350    Political Science  3

**COURSE NAME/NUMBER**

Gender and Feminist Political Theory

**FACULTY/DEPARTMENT**

UCFV CREDITS

### CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide a survey of some of the key debates in gender and feminist political theory, including meanings of gender, the idea of women in political thought, and how gendered identities are conceived and organized in law and society.

**PREREQUISITES:** 45 university-level credits

**COREQUISITES:**

**PRE or COREQUISITES:**

**SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):**

(a) Replaces:

(b) Cross-listed with:

(c) Cannot take:

**SERVICE COURSE TO:** (department/program)

**TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:** 45

**TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:**

Length of course: ____________________

Hours per day: ____________________

**STRUCTURE OF HOURS:**

| Lectures | 30 Hrs |
| Seminar | 15 Hrs |
| Laboratory | |
| Field experience | |
| Student directed learning | |
| Other (specify) | |

**OTHER:**

Maximum enrolment: 28

Expected frequency of course offerings: Every other year

(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

**WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only):**

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

**WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department):**

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

**TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:**

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

**DATE APPROVED**

March 2008

**DATE OF MEETING**

April 25, 2008

**COURSE DESIGNER(S):** Rita Dhamoon

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Glen Baier

**SUPPORTING AREA CONSULTATION (UPACA1):** Moira Kloster

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Eric Davis

**DEAN/ASSOCIATE VP:**

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPAC) APPROVAL:**

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March 2008

March 28, 2008

April 11, 2008

April 23, 2008

April 25, 2008
LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
- Explain the difference between concepts of sex and gender.
- Explain how questions about 'women' and gender relate to issues of racism, colonialism, class, sexuality, and (dis)ability.
- Describe key debates, approaches, and ideas in the field of gender and feminist political theory.
- Identify and analyze key concepts in the field of gender and feminist political thought.
- Identify key thinkers in the field and outline their contributions to the discipline.
- Critically evaluate actual political events through the lens of gender and feminism.

METHODS: (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)
The course will be taught through a combination of lectures and classroom discussion.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):
- Examination(s)
- Portfolio assessment
- Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:
[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

As well there would be a course package with selected readings, which could include:


SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:
STUDENT EVALUATION:

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

The evaluation procedure will vary according to instructor, but the following would be typical:

Critical analysis short paper (comparing and contrasting definitions of sex and gender between 2 thinkers): 15%
Class presentation (on how difference is theorized by one thinker): 15%
Participation: 10%
Research essay: 30%
Final exam: 30%

COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Course content will vary from instructor to instructor, but the following is an example of a course outline based on thirteen three hour sessions.

Week 1: Introduction: Gender and Feminism in Political Thought
Week 2: Feminist Methods
Week 3: Sex and Gender Difference
Week 4: Troubling Gender: Critical evaluation of political events through the lens of gender and feminism
Week 5: Rethinking Gender: Questions of Commonality and Difference I
Week 6: Rethinking Gender: Questions of Commonality and Difference II
Week 7: Gender, Sexuality, and Political Ideology
Week 8: Queer Theory
Week 9: Feminist Theories of Intersectionality
Week 10: Political issues I: Race, Class, and Gender
Week 11: Political issues II: Colonialism, Women, and Gender
Week 12: Disability and Feminist Thought
Week 13: Men, Masculinity, Politics, and Feminist Thought