

## PHM 3123: FEMINIST THEORIES

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### Course description:

This course focuses on the theoretical underpinnings of recent and contemporary movements for women's liberation and how both the notion of "women" and the notion of "liberation" has changed in recent decades. The theoretical perspectives to be examined (some more carefully than others) include: liberal feminism, radical feminism, care feminism, Marxist feminism, multicultural feminism, global and postcolonial feminism, third wave and postmodern feminism, ecofeminism, crip theory, and queer theory.

### Course objectives:

In this course you will gain the conceptual and theoretical tools to:

- Understand and analyze your own and others' gendered experiences in contemporary culture
- Explain how there are many feminisms and not just a single feminism
- Identify and assess a variety of feminist theoretical positions
- Appreciate the interconnections of philosophical theories and political practices
- Think critically about the nature and transformative intersections of gender, race, religion, class, nation, ability, and other variables.
- Communicate your learning in multiple ways

**Required texts:**

Marilyn Frye, *The Politics of Reality* (any edition)

Bell hooks, *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center* (any edition)

Alison Kafer, *Feminist Queer Crip* (2013)

Sara Ahmed, *Living a Feminist Life* (2017)

Other readings as provided online. Please consult course schedule.

Text will be read in the order given. If you cannot purchase all at once, please purchase the first 2 immediately. These are very inexpensive.

**Course requirements:**

Attendance (ongoing)	15%
Participation (ongoing)	10%
Reading quizzes (ongoing; see course schedule)	20%
Intellectual Journal (ongoing, but submitted 2x as indicated on schedule)	20%
Final Project (Prospectus = 10%; Final submission = 25%)	35%

**Attendance:** I believe the best learning happens within the context of a learning community in which each student is an active participant. Since you cannot participate—even as a listener—if you are not present, I will take attendance. Attendance is worth 15 points. You are permitted 2 unexcused absences during the term. For each further unexcused absence, you will lose 1 point. Please note that I also expect you to be present for the full class period, both for your own learning and in order not to disrupt the class. You will lose half a point, if you arrive late or leave early.

**Participation:** I want you to be an active learner and organize class sessions to facilitate this. Participation points are worth 15 points and will include participation in small group learning exercises, full group discussion and preparedness to answer questions, facilitate discussions or bring in illustrative examples when called upon to do so, including examples of your own work. Participation also includes the submission of ungraded surveys, as requested for instructor feedback.

**Reading quizzes:** Reading quizzes will be taken online PRIOR to class on the days indicated on your course schedule (see below or click on "calendar" at the top of your screen). They will open at 8 a.m the day before class and close a half hour prior to the start of class. They are open book, but timed; hence, you will do best if you have read and absorbed the material prior to taking the quiz. There will be 10 quizzes during the term worth 2 points each. They will consist of 5 T/F, MC or fill in the blank questions on primary

themes and concepts from readings. They should not be difficult if you have done the assigned reading with a modicum of care.

Note: I also reserve the right to give pop quizzes if needed on days not noted on the calendar if it appears students are regularly coming to class unprepared.

**Intellectual Journal:** During the course of the semester you must respond to at least 10 journal questions provided for you on our readings. Journal entries may be typed or handwritten, but should average 250 words each (more is fine; it will be difficult to make substantive reflections in much less than this). I will collect your journals once at [midterm](#) and again shortly before the [end of the term](#), as marked on the schedule. However, you should keep up with them as we go. I reserve the right to do a periodic spot check.

**Final Project:** The remaining 35% of your grade will reflect your performance on a final project asking you to demonstrate your understanding of different feminist theories, concepts and themes by applying them to a particular issue of your choosing. This project involves various components and attention to detail, so it will be important not to wait until the last minute to start it. To get you started, a detailed prospectus for the project is due at midterm (10%). The final submission (25%) is due on or before the final exam period scheduled for this class.

#### **Grading Policies:**

I will use the following grading scale:

A (Exceptional, Outstanding, Wow!)	90% or better
B (Very good, exceeds expectations)	80%-89%
C (Satisfactory, Meets expectations)	70%-79%
D (Below satisfactory, fails to meet basic expectations)	60-69%
F (Fail)	Less than 60%

**Attendance Policy:** See course requirements above.

**Academic Integrity:** There is a zero tolerance policy for cheating and plagiarism. Cheating occurs when someone else does your work for you or gives you test answers, etc. Plagiarism occurs when you quote or paraphrase someone else's words or borrow their ideas and fail to cite your source. It is a form of cheating because this failure (whether intentional or unintentional) represents someone else's work as your own. It is an infraction of the student code of conduct and will result in a referral to the Office of Student conduct and an automatic "F" on that assignment. If you have questions regarding when or how to cite something, please consult the MLA style guide, the University Writing Center, or your professor.

**Disability accommodations:** I hope to embrace diverse learning styles in this class through diverse assignments and activities. If you need additional accommodations, please contact Student Accessibility Services who will help me determine how to best provide individualized accommodations consistent with your documented disability. To be eligible for disability related accommodations, students must have a disability as defined by applicable federal and state laws and documented by an appropriate health care provider or professional.

**Late Submissions:** Late submissions will not be given full credit unless you have an excuse recognized by UCF policy, e.g. hospitalization, death or life-threatening illness of a family member, being called to active military duty. Please note that a broken computer, or the inability to retrieve, produce, or submit assignments from a computer will not be accepted as a valid excuse for submitting an assignment late. Back up your work and avoid procrastination in order to meet deadlines.

**Extra-credit:** Do not ask for extra-credit. Do your best throughout the class and you will not need it. If I decide a substantial portion of the class would benefit from an additional opportunity, it will be offered to *everyone*. I will not select you out for special treatment. Don't ask.

**Important note regarding financial aid:** All faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the "[are you here?? quiz](#)" by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than Jan 12th at 5 pm. *Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.*

## Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Tue Jan 9, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471115&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">what is feminism? what is theory? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471115&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Jan 11, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471108&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Drop/Swap deadline (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471108&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471144&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Please take the "are you here?" quiz (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471144&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
Fri Jan 12, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471107&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Add deadline (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471107&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409168">Are you here? (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409168)</a>	due by 5pm
Mon Jan 15, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471146&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">MLK Jr. Day (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471146&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
Tue Jan 16, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471139&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">LIBERAL FEMINISM, lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471139&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Jan 18, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409172">Quiz 1: Introductory material and Friedan (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409172)</a>	due by 10am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471120&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Friedan, Chs 1&amp;2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471120&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Tue Jan 23, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471140&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">RADICAL FEMINISM, lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471140&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Jan 25, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471116&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Frye, Chs 1-2 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471116&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Tue Jan 30, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409164">Quiz 2: Frye 1-5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409164)</a>	due by 10am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471125&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Frye, Chs 3-5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471125&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Feb 1, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471119&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Frye, Chs 6-7 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471119&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Tue Feb 6, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409169">Quiz 3: Frye 6-9 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409169)</a>	due by 10am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471117&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Frye, Chs 8-9 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471117&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am

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Thu Feb 8, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471145&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">MARXIST FEMINISM, lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471145&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419374">Quiz 4: Marxist and Multicultural Feminism (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419374)</a>	due by 10am
Tue Feb 13, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471138&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">MULTICULTURAL FEMINISM, lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471138&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471104&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Read: Cherry, Why Privilege is So Hard to Give Up (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471104&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471122&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Read: MacIntosh, White Privilege (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471122&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Feb 15, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471128&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss hooks, chs 1-3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471128&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409163">Quiz 5: hooks 1-6 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409163)</a>	due by 10am
Tue Feb 20, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471129&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss hooks, Chs 4-6 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471129&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Feb 22, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471130&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss hooks, chs 7-9 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471130&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409170">Quiz 6: hooks 7-12 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409170)</a>	due by 10am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471118&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss hooks, chs 10-12 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471118&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Mar 1, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471137&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">CRIP THEORY; QUEER THEORY lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471137&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409178">Journal--midterm submission (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409178)</a>	due by 10:30pm
Tue Mar 6, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471112&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Kafer, Intro-Ch 1 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471112&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409173">Quiz 7: Kafer Intro-3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409173)</a>	due by 10am
Thu Mar 8, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471113&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Kafer, Chs 2-3 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471113&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Mon Mar 12, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471109&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Spring break starts (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471109&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471142&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">ECOFEMINISM lecture (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471142&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Tue Mar 20, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5410874">Project Prospectus (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5410874)</a>	due by 10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471141&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Supplemental reading: Haraway, Cyborg Manifesto (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471141&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Wed Mar 21, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471135&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Withdrawal deadline (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471135&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am

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Thu Mar 22, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471114&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Kafer, Chs 4-5 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471114&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409171">Quiz 8: Kafer 4-7 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409171)</a>	due by 10am
Tue Mar 27, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471132&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Kafer 6-7 (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471132&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471126&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Supplemental Reading: Bernice Johnson Reagon, "Coalition Politics: Turning the Century" (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471126&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Mar 29, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471136&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">GLOBAL AND POSTCOLONIAL FEMINISMS, lecture. (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471136&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Tue Apr 3, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471150&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">TBD on postcolonial feminism. (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471150&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
Thu Apr 5, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471151&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">BRINGING FEMINIST THEORY HOME. Discuss Ahmed Introduction (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471151&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419379">Quiz 9: Ahmed Intro and Pt I (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419379)</a>	due by 10am
Tue Apr 10, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471152&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Ahmed, Part I--Becoming Feminist (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471152&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Apr 12, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471153&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Ahmed Part II--Diversity Work (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471153&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419382">Quiz 10: Ahmed, Pts II &amp; III (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5419382)</a>	due by 10am
Tue Apr 17, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471154&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Ahmed Part III: Living the Consequences (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471154&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
Thu Apr 19, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471155&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Discuss Ahmed Conclusions. Bring your items for a survival kit and manifesto (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471155&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	10:30am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409177">Journal-final submission (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409177)</a>	due by 10:30am
Tue Apr 24, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471133&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Study Day (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471133&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
Wed Apr 25, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471134&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010">Final exam period begins (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/calendar?event_id=1471134&amp;include_contexts=course_1273010)</a>	12am
Tue May 1, 2018	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5415974">Final Project (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5415974)</a>	due by 10am
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409179">Participation (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409179)</a>	
	 <a href="https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409181">Roll Call Attendance (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1273010/assignments/5409181)</a>	