

COURSE OUTLINE: PHIL 2307
GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY
Winter 2018: Tues-Thurs, 10:05 - 11:25, CB 2202

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Course description:

(From the Undergraduate Calendar): Topics may include the role of gender categories in the history of philosophy, theories of gender and sexual orientation, the politics of gender and sexuality, the place of the body in philosophical theory, and the influence of gender and gender metaphors on science and medicine.

(For Winter 2018): Since the mid-1980s, the percentage of undergraduate degrees in philosophy earned by women in the United States has remained roughly constant, at about 30%. This is lower than in almost every other discipline, with some exceptions. What, if anything, is behind this gender breakdown? In this class, we'll be asking questions about way in which gender, gendered concepts, gendered language, and gendered imagery (among other things) may be operative in a number of different contexts, and especially in philosophy and science. Do our models of what counts as rational involve gendered presuppositions, or work to exclude women from the domain of philosophy? Does our conception of science as objective and value-neutral tacitly devalue women's lives, women's bodies, or women's theories? In this class we will consider and evaluate the contributions of feminism to these and other questions concerning the relationship between gender and knowledge more broadly.

Prerequisite(s): a course in philosophy or second-year standing.
Lectures three hours a week.

Required text:

There is no required text for this class. Instead, I will be making all of your readings available online, through cuLearn or through the Ares e-reserve system.

cuLearn:

This course will be supported by the cuLearn Course Management System. You can access your cuLearn account by going to www.carleton.ca/culearn and entering your MyCarletonOne username and password.

A variety of resources as well as important information will be made available through the cuLearn site, including test dates and schedule(s) of readings, which will be updated through the semester. Students will be fully responsible for reading and responding appropriately to all information distributed through the cuLearn Course Page. Information provided on this page will be considered to have been provided to all registered students within 24 hours of posting.

Evaluation:

1. Tests (30% each)

There will be two *in-class, closed-book* tests over the course of the semester, each worth **30%** of your final grade, for a total of **60%**. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to each test, upon which you may write or type whatever you like, using whatever size fonts / margins you like. (Note however that you will not be permitted to use any visual aids such as magnifying glasses during the test.) Tests will not be cumulative.

Dates for tests will be posted on cuLearn at least three weeks in advance.

2. Final exam (40%)

There will be a formally scheduled examination during final exam period, worth **40%** of your final grade. Like the mid-term tests, the final exam will be closed-book, but you will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” upon which you may write or type whatever you like, using whatever size fonts / margins you like. (Note however that you will not be permitted to use any visual aids such as magnifying glasses during the final.) The final test will be cumulative.

Some course policies:

1. Extensions: Extensions *may* be granted only if requested *at least 24 hours in advance* and *with a valid reason* (e.g., medical reason). For the final exam, you will need to obtain a deferral through the Registrar’s Office.

3. Philosophy department and university policies: See final page of course outline on philosophy department website.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Fall/Winter 2017-18)

Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Final Exams:

If you miss a final examination (formally scheduled or take-home) because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral. You must apply within 3 working days after the scheduled date of your formally scheduled exam or within 3 working days after the due date of a take-home exam. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information:

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv2/#2.5>

Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Religious obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC

website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Important Dates:

Sept. 6	Classes start.
Sept. 19	Last day for registration and course changes for Fall term and Fall/Winter (two-term) courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 9	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Oct. 23-27	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for summative or final examinations in Fall term courses before the official examination period.
Dec. 8	Last day of Fall term classes. Classes follow a Monday schedule. Last day for academic withdrawal from Fall term courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for a Fall term course.
Dec. 10-22	Final examinations for Fall term courses and mid-term examinations in two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 22	All take-home examinations are due.
Jan. 8	Classes begin.
Jan. 19	Last day for registration and course changes in the Winter term.
Jan. 31	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from Winter term courses or from the Winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 19	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Feb. 19-23	Winter Break – no classes.
Mar. 27	Last day for summative or final examinations in Winter term or two-term courses before the official examination period.
Mar. 30	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Apr. 11	Last day of two-term and Winter term classes. Classes follow a Friday schedule. Last day for academic withdrawal from Fall/Winter and Winter courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for two-term and for Winter term courses.
Apr. 14-26	Final examinations for Winter term and two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 26	All take home examinations are due on this day.

Addresses:

Department of Philosophy:	3A35 Paterson Hall www.carleton.ca/philosophy 520-2110
Registrar's Office:	300 Tory www.carleton.ca/registrar 520-3500
Academic Advising Centre:	302 Tory www.carleton.ca/academicadvising 520-7850
Writing Services:	4 th Floor, Library http://www.carleton.ca/csas/writing-services/ 520-3822
MacOdrum Library	http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735