

# Transnational Feminism

FALL 2021 | CLASS SESSIONS FROM 8/24/21 - 12/07/21

WST3415– Section 3415/Class # 18788

T 4-5 | 10:40 am - 12:35 pm | Williamson 100

R 5 | 11:45am - 12:35pm | FL Gym 245

This class is 100% face-to-face but students have the option of attending by zoom for the entire semester. **The exception to this is the 3 exams which you will have to take in person in the designated classroom.** I will be teaching from our designated classroom during class times - and for those of you who wish to attend by zoom, the links for attending class via zoom are provided on Canvas. Thank you for your patience and support while we navigate these uncertain times together!

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course places women and feminism in a transnational perspective, focusing on various theories and movements engendered by women in contemporary national contexts. Development, reproductive politics, women's health, etc. will be examined.

## COURSE GOALS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course students will be expected to gain mastery of the following topics and issues:

1. Gain an understanding of gender as a central category of analysis that informs the way social structures and global structures are legitimized and normalized
2. Analyze historical and contemporary systems of privilege and oppression, with special attention to the ways gender intersects with race, class/caste, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, and nationality
3. Gain a self-critical awareness of the instability of identity categories and the situated, partial, and political nature of all fields of knowledge
4. Think critically about the intersections of national, regional, and global communities and how they impact gender sovereignty
5. Describe the relationship between past empires and present ones
6. Develop interdisciplinary frameworks for understanding popular tropes of "western" and "non-western"
7. Define and distinguish between transnational, international, multinational, global feminism

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### **Required Books, Technology, and Free Resources**

- Required Cases in Applied feminism – Opt-In via UF Digital All Access
- Additional readings available via course reserves and/or as PDFs on Canvas

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS**

Breakdown of weekly readings is provided below. Please note that readings should be completed <u>prior</u> to class on the dates listed below.		
<b>CLASS MEETING</b>	<b>WHAT WE WILL COVER IN CLASS</b>	<b>NOTES/ASSESSMENT DUE FOR GRADE</b>
<b>Week 1: Culture and Imperialism</b>		
T 24 (AUGUST)	Intro to course	
R 26	Said	
<b>Week 2: Origins of Nationalism</b>		
T 31	Anderson Chapter 1 and 2	
R 2 (SEPTEMBER)	Anderson 3	
<b>Week 3: Institutional Power</b>		
T 7	Anderson 6	
R 9	Anderson 10	Discussion Post 1
<b>Week 4: Decolonization</b>		
T 14	Fanon, Chapter 1 (WOE)	
R 16	Fanon, Chapter 2 (WOE)	Discussion Post 2
<b>Week 5: Revolution and Mimesis</b>		
T 21	Fanon, Chapter 1 (DC)	
R 23	Fanon, Chapter 4 (DC)	
<b>Week 6: Assessment Week</b>		
T 28	In person Exam 1	Closed book, no notes exam
R 30	Cases in Applied Feminism	2 cases due online
<b>Week 7: Making Bourgeois Women</b>		
T 5 (OCTOBER)	Walton	
R 7	Davin	
<b>Week 8: Women in the Colonies</b>		
T 12	McClintock	

R 14	Stoler	Discussion Post 3
<b>Week 9: Morality</b>		
T 19	Ballhatchet	
R 21	Walkowitz	Discussion Post 4
<b>Week 10: Assessment Week</b>		
T 26	In person Exam 2	Closed book, no notes exam
R 28	Cases in Applied Feminism	2 cases due online
<b>Week 11: Law and Rights</b>		
T 2 (NOVEMBER)	Chauncey	
R 4	Spade	Discussion Post 5
<b>Week 12: Work</b>		
T 9	Hochschild	
R 11	NO CLASS	VETERAN'S DAY
<b>Week 13: Society Must be Defended</b>		
T 16	Foucault	
R 18	Fraser	Discussion Post 6
<b>Week 14: Rethinking Capitalism</b>		
T 23	hooks & Gilroy	
R 25	NO CLASS	THANKSGIVING
<b>Week 15: Assessment Week</b>		
T 30	In person Exam 3	Closed book, no notes exam
R 2 (DECEMBER)	Cases in Applied Feminism	1 case due online
<b>Week 16: Democratic Futures</b>		
T 7	Wright	All EXCUSED / APPROVED makeup work due by noon

Bibliography: Full bibliographic info available on [e-learning course website](#)

## COMPONENTS OF GRADING

Grades will be assigned on the following scale:

A 94-100	C 74-76
A- 90-93	C- 70-73
B+ 87-89	D+ 67-69
B 84-86	D 64-66
B- 80-83	D- 60-63
C+ 77-79	E 00-59

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Grades will be calculated as follows:

**40%:** Cases in Applied Feminism (5 cases; 8% each)

**15%:** Discussion board participation/responses (6 posts total; 100 words minimum)

**45%:** Assessments (3 total; each worth 14%; closed book, no notes)

Extra Credit: 6<sup>th</sup> Case study is extra credit -10 points added to your lowest exam grade

## UF COURSE POLICIES

Attendance: Given the ongoing and fluid nature of the pandemic I will not make attendance in class lectures mandatory; nor will we be taking regular attendance. ***If you miss class on the day of an assignment or an exam, extensions on assignments and makeup exams will be allowed for medical reasons or participation in official university events/athletics only. There will be no exceptions to this rule.*** For additional information on the University attendance policy, please see: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Students Requiring Accommodations: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to me when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

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