

**Feminist Theory and Criticism**

Code: 105801  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2503878 Sociocultural Studies of Gender	OB	1	1

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**Use of Languages**

Principal working language: spanish (spa)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

**Prerequisites**

The student must be able to express himself correctly, both orally and in writing. For this reason, the possible spelling and expression mistakes that the student could make will entail a score reduction in the final grade. The activities, practices and works presented throughout the course must be original and under no circumstances the total or partial plagiarism of other's people materials published in any format will be accepted. The eventual presentation of non-original material without properly indicating its original source will automatically receive a falling grade (0). Additionally, it is considered that the student knows the general guidelines for presenting an academic work. However, when necessary, the student may apply the specific guidelines indicated by the professor.

**Objectives and Contextualisation**

The purpose of this course is to draw up the areas of reflection, as well as the inflections and transformations that feminist theories and practices have made in the field of history, epistemology, and philosophical and scientific thinking.

The student:

1. must know how feminist theory and criticism have contributed to the paradigm shift in literary studies in the mid-twentieth century;
2. must know what have been the main approaches of Western feminist theory and criticism;
3. must know how to trace the dialogues between society and the proposals of feminist theory and criticism;
4. must apply methods of feminist literary theory and criticism in the analysis of literary texts;
5. must know what are the latest trends in feminist theory and its impact on culture in general and literary studies in particular.

**Competences**

- Express correctly and in a non-sexist or homophobic manner both orally and in writing.
- Formulate, argue and discuss your own and others' ideas in a respectful, critical and reasoned way.

- Identify and question gender representations in the history of ideas, arts and culture, as well as in the construction of scientific knowledge.
- Interpreting and interrelating the conceptual bases of feminist theories.
- Interpret gender inequalities in relation to sexuality, class, ethnicity and territory based on the concepts and approaches of sociocultural analysis.
- Students can apply the knowledge to their own work or vocation in a professional manner and have the powers generally demonstrated by preparing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze the representations of the body in cultural and artistic productions throughout history.
2. Contrast the debates on feminism and masculinities.
3. Critically analyze informative speeches especially in relation to ideology and ethnocentric and sexist biases.
4. Describe the fundamental concepts of gender theory.
5. Make an inclusive use of language.
6. Prepare an organized and correct speech, orally and in writing, in the corresponding language.
7. Students can apply the knowledge to their own work or vocation in a professional manner and have the powers generally demonstrated by preparing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.
8. Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
9. Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
10. Use the specific technical vocabulary and own interpretation of the required disciplines.

## Content

1. Grounds for a feminist theory and criticism and its role in the paradigm shift of literary studies. Writing as a (woman), reading as (a) feminist. What does one's own literature mean?
2. Cartography of Western feminist genealogies: Equality feminism and difference feminism; essentialist and constructivist feminisms. Typologies, waves and inflections.
3. The woman category: is the body an evidence? Attempts and failures in seeking a definition. Consequences.
4. The difference within the difference: intersectionalities and tangles. (A) Ethnic resistance and / or the challenge of decolonizing feminist thinking; (B) lesbian resistance and / or disarticulating compulsive and compulsory heterosexuality.
5. Feminisms in the current context: challenges and achievements. Relations between feminism, gay and lesbian studies, post and decolonial theories, queer / *cuir* studies and crip /disability studies.

## Methodology

Learning of this course is distributed as follows:

- Directed activities (35%). Master classes with ICT support and debate in a large group.
- Supervised activities (20%). Individual presentations. Review or course work (individual or in group) will be carried out based on a guideline. Tutorships.

- Autonomous activities (45%). Comprehensive and critical reading of literary and theoretical texts. Making outlines, conceptual maps and summaries.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master classes with ICT support and debate in a large group.	50	2	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 8, 10
Type: Supervised			
Individual presentations. Review or course work (individual or in group) will be carried out based on a guideline. Tutorships.	40	1.6	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 7, 8, 10
Type: Autonomous			
Comprehensive and critical reading of literary and theoretical texts. Making outlines, conceptual maps and summaries.	60	2.4	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 8, 10

## Assessment

The student:

a) must mandatorily undertake throughout the course two classroom readings: he/she must prepare an outline (5%), as well as an oral presentation (the time available is between 15 and 20 minutes) and must lead the subsequent discussion (20%). This work will be done as a group, and each presentation represents 25% of the final grade (the total for both presentations is 50%).

b) At the end of each topic -and according to the schedule set by the professor- students must individually submit a critical review referring, completing, developing or stressing one or more of the issues emerged in the readings or in the discussions raised in the classroom. A total of 5 reviews must be submitted and each one will worth 7% of the final grade (total 35%). Students who do not comply with the designated schedule must take a final exam.

c) Each student must individually submit a critical summary of one of the presentations held in the classroom (10%).

d) The remaining 5% will be given based on attendance and participation in the classroom, as well as on the involvement in the subject.

The student who does not perform any of the activities or tests will be considered "Non presented".

Procedure for the review of final grades

At the time of carrying out each evaluation activity, the professor will inform the students (Moodle) of the procedure and date for the review of final grades.

Make-up evaluation

All activities will be suitable for re-evaluation except those indicated in the following section.

Evaluation activities excluded from the make-up evaluation

The following activities cannot be re-evaluated: preliminary oral presentation outline and oral presentation.

### Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
ASSISTANCE, ATTITUDE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CLASSROOM	5%	0	0	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 7, 8, 10
CRITICAL REVIEWS	35%	0	0	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 10
CRITICAL SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION	10%	0	0	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 10
ORAL PRESENTATION	40%	0	0	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 10
PRELIMINARY ORAL PRESENTATION OUTLINE	10%	0	0	3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5, 9, 10

### Bibliography

Specific bibliography will be given for each subject of the course.