

<p><b>Course Name</b></p> <p>GNDS 311 Feminist Thought</p> <p><b>Contact Hours/Delivery Method</b> Synchronous Zoom class, 2 hours weekly + asynchronous course materials on onQ.</p>	<p><b>Course Instructor</b></p> <p>Dr. Nancy Butler</p>
<p><b>Course Description</b></p> <p>The criterion that has shaped and sustained feminism as a valuable movement has been its emphasis on social equality and justice. In Feminist Thought we learn about the past and present politics that have defined – and limited - feminist theory in writing, research and activism. We explore what is at stake, for one’s self and for others, in making claims to knowledge and making claims about ethics and social justice. We explore the what and why of feminist thought, asking: who did it, who challenged it, who changed it.</p>	<p><b>Required Course Materials</b></p> <p>All weekly assigned readings are available through Queen’s Library e-Reserve site, Ares. A link to Ares is on the GNDS 311 onQ homepage.</p>
<p><b>Course Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become knowledgeable about the critical texts that have shaped feminist theory and activism.</li> <li>• To explain and assess different feminist perspectives on key issues.</li> <li>• To articulate feminist perspectives and arguments from both local and global points of view.</li> <li>• To understand the significance of national, international and global contexts in shaping feminist thought and activism as transnational.</li> <li>• To understand and articulate the significance and centrality of critical race, trans, and Indigenous paradigms in feminist theorizations of social justice.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Course Evaluation</b></p> <p>30%) Comprehension and Critical Thinking, two short assignments worth 15% each. Respond to a question or comment.</p> <p>30%) Three Quizzes (10%) on issues and concepts addressed in the weekly readings and lectures.</p> <p>40%) Informed Reflections on Key Topics in Feminist Thought. One reflection per week in the final four weeks of GNDS 311, close reading, research and discussion of assigned weekly readings.</p>
<p><b>Topics in Course Outline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theorizing Feminism: what is feminism about? who is feminism for?</li> <li>• Histories of feminism: liberal, socialist, radical feminism.</li> <li>• Black feminism and intersectional feminist theories.</li> <li>• Trans feminism; genderqueer and nonbinary feminisms.</li> <li>• Postcolonial, decolonial and transnational feminisms.</li> <li>• Fat embodiment, feminism and disability.</li> <li>• Kinship and reproductive justice</li> </ul>	