Course Name GNDS 311 – Feminist Thought **Contact Hours/Delivery Method** This course will run asynchronously (no scheduled lectures).	**Course Instructor** Dr. Grace Adeniyi-Ogunyankin
Course Description We begin the course by first asking the questions: What is theory? Who gets to participate in theory building? How is feminist knowledge production influenced by power, privilege and geopolitics? Next, we trouble the history of Western feminism and engage with the debates on the challenges of universalizing feminism. To this end, we will explore the ways in which feminism is multi-vocal, non-linear, and influenced by multiple and shifting sites of feminist identities. This exploration includes the examination and analysis of local and global feminist thoughts on gender, oppression, colonialism, race, sexuality, disability, reproductive justice, kinship, and the politics of death.	**Required Course Materials** • All assigned readings will be available on the e-reserve.
Course Objectives By the end of this course, students should be able to: • Explain and assess various feminist perspectives; • Articulate the importance of understanding feminism from local and global points of view; • Hone their ability to analyse popular culture and current events from a feminist lens; • Take a stance, with a clear rationale, in various feminist debates; and • Produce a well thought out analysis of, and prescription for, social change.	**Course Evaluation** • Online Participation: 10% • Reading Comprehension and Critical Thinking Assignments (2): 30% • Reflective Portfolio: 40% • Quizzes (2): 20%

Topics in Course Outline

Framing the Course
- What is theory? Who gets to make theory?
- Feminist Theories of Knowledge

What is feminism/feminist? What is feminism about? Who is feminism for?
- Feminist Histories
- Theorizing Gender
- Liberal, Social, Radical & Intersectional Feminisms

- Postmodern Feminism & Queer Theory
- Postcolonial, Decolonial & Transnational Feminisms

Selected Topics in Feminist Thought
- Fat Embodiment, Feminism & Disability
- The Politics of Death
- Kinship and Reproductive Justice
- Living a Feminist life