

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY COURSE OUTLINES			
TERM:	FALL 2014	COURSE NO:	WGST 360
INSTRUCTOR:	TBA	COURSE NAME:	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES
OFFICE:	LOCAL:	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
E-MAIL:			

COURSE FORMAT:

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

45 credits of 100 level or higher coursework.

Note: Completion of WGST 100 or WGST 111, or another first or second year Women's and Gender Studies course is recommended.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores contemporary issues in women's and gender studies, including current debates in the discipline. Specific topics will vary from year to year, but could include, for example, examinations of gender and international development, aboriginal women in Canada, women and public policy, feminist activism, gender and sexuality in Canadian sports, or feminist critical thought.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of how feminist perspectives are applied to researching contemporary social issues – normally assessed through a research essay assignment
- Articulate opposing views within feminist studies on contemporary social issues
- Demonstrate knowledge of important debates within women's and gender studies and of how these contribute to our understanding of gender issues within contemporary societies – normally assessed through a research essay assignment

More specific learning outcomes will be dependent on the particular topic(s) addressed each term. Assessment will be measured through the assignments set by instructors, which again will be dependent on course topic.

COURSE WEBSITE:

<https://moodle.capilanou.ca>

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Varies depending on topic addressed.

COURSE CONTENT:

Varies depending on topic addressed.

ASSIGNMENTS: Varies depending on topic addressed. Assignments may consist of a combination of essays, research projects, presentations, and/or exams. A detailed description of assignments and an evaluation profile will be provided by the instructor.

EVALUATION PROFILE:

Will depend on specific assignments for each offering of this course.

GRADE PROFILE:

A+ = 90 - 100%	B+ = 77 - 79%	C+ = 67 - 69%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 85 - 89	B = 73 - 76	C = 63 - 66	F = 0 - 49
A- = 80 - 84	B- = 70 - 72	C- = 60 - 62	

OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grades), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Office Hours: To be announced in the first class. Please note that email and Moodle messages will be read and answered during these times.

Attendance: Regular attendance is strongly recommended. When students are absent from class, they are still responsible for the material covered during their absence, including announcements, assigned readings and handouts.

Late Assignments: Marks will be deducted for lateness (% reduction per day). Late assignments must be delivered in class or to the instructor's office -- no email submissions will be accepted.

Missed Exams: Students will be allowed to make up exams and quizzes only under the following conditions: if a doctor's certificate of illness is provided; if suitable documentation is provided for other instances (i.e. death of a close family member); if **prior** approval of the instructor has been obtained.

Incomplete Grades: On rare occasions, a student may be in a situation that warrants the granting of an incomplete grade. Students seeking this grade should submit a written request as soon as the need becomes apparent.

English Usage: University-level writing skills are required for all assignments. Spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors will result in a reduced grade and, if they are excessive, may result in a refusal to grade the paper. See the English Writing Centre for help.

Electronic Devices: Laptops may be used only for course purposes in class, and cell phones must be turned off. No personal electronic devices (cell phones, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor.

Emergency Procedures:

Please familiarise yourself with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of your classroom.