

This syllabus has been provided as a reference tool for students considering this course. It has been modified to follow Senate

Resources

Undergraduate Introduction to Critical Theory (Dino F. Felluga, Purdue University)
<http://www.purdueedu/guidetotheory/>

The Johns Hopkins Guide to Literary Theory and Criticism. Ed. Michael Groden and Martin Kreiswirth. <http://www.lib.uwo.ca/> search in Weldon Library catalogue for title and click connect to internet resource"

Literary Sources-Theory (Jack Lynch, Rutgers University)
<http://andromedarutgersedu/~jlynch/Lit/theory.htm>

Methods of Evaluation

Short Papers (2 x 15%) 30%

Final Paper

Psychoanalysis, Feminism, Gender

- March 18: Freud, *Interpretation of Dreams*, *The Uncanny*; Lacan, "The Mirror Stage"
March 25: Lacan, cont'd; Cixous, *Laugh of the Medusa*; Wittig, "One is Not Born a Woman"
April 1: Mulvey, "Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema"; Sedgwick, *Between Men*,
Epistemology of the Closet
April 8: Conclusions, exam review

Assignments:

Late Assignments: Late essays will be penalized 2% per day late. I will not accept essays more than one week late without consultation. Please note that University Senate policy prohibits me from accepting any assignment after the last day of class.

Short Papers: These paper will give you the opportunity to engage critically with concepts on the course. You will be asked to consider a problem raised in the work of an author, how the author handles the idea, what his or her presuppositions are, how the argument develops (and perhaps falls apart).

Final Paper: In your research essay you will be asked to consider a significant issue in theory and criticism and to analyze how it is taken up by two or perhaps three thinkers on the course. The essay must be thoroughly researched and documented.

Attendance:

Excessive absenteeism is grounds for debaring a student from taking the final examination. The 2013 Academic Calendar states: "Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course" (p.35).

I will take attendance.

Accommodation

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to the Western