

ENGL 5305-110: Feminist Theory

Texas A&M University–Central Texas, Fall 2021

Instructor and Course Information



Instructor Information

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Course Information

Dates: Aug 23-Dec 10, 2021

Type: Web-Enhanced (Synchronous)

Day/Time: Th 6:00-8:45 PM

Course Overview and Description. This course will introduce graduate students to important conversations and methodologies in feminist theory as it appears in English studies. How do literary texts reflect social and cultural issues related to gender, sex, race, or sexuality, among other vectors? How do literary texts contribute to the social and cultural production of gender, sex, race, and sexuality, among other vectors? Feminist theory helps us explore answers to these questions about reading and meaning-making in literature. In this course, we will examine cultural (re)productions of texts by recursively applying a variety of theoretical lenses from feminist theory including theories about the female body, queer studies, critical race studies, and disability studies, among others, to a literary text of your choice. You may download the [FULL SYLLABUS HERE](#) or migrate to the "Syllabus" folder on the "Files" page of Canvas.

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Required Fiction.

- Alaimo, Stacy and Susan Heckman, eds., *Material Feminisms*. <https://iupress.org/9780253219466/material-feminisms/>
- Butler, Judith. *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. <https://www.routledge.com/Gender-Trouble-Feminism-and-the-Subversion-of-Identity/Butler/p/book/9780415389556>
- Chen, Mel. *Animacies: Biopolitics, Racial Mattering, and Queer Affect*. <https://www.dukeupress.edu/animacies>
- Fausto-Sterling, Anne. *Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality*. <https://www.basicbooks.com/titles/anne-fausto-sterling/sexing-the-body/9781541672895/>
- Foucault, Michel. *The History of Sexuality, Vol. 1: An Introduction*. <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/55036/the-history-of-sexuality-by-michel-foucault/>
- Haraway, Donna. *Simians, Cyborgs, and Women: The Reinvention of Nature*. <https://www.routledge.com/Simians-Cyborgs-and-Women-The-Reinvention-of-Nature/Haraway/p/book/9780415903875>
- Irigaray, Luce. *This Sex Which is Not One*. <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9780801493317/this-sex-which-is-not-one/#bookTabs=1>
- Kafer, Alison. *Feminist, Queer, Crip*. <https://iupress.org/9780253009340/feminist-queer-crip/>
- Sandilands, Catriona. *The Good-Natured Feminist*. <https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/the-good-natured-feminist>

Please Also Read This Important Information from the Course Syllabus:

- [Rules for Synchronous Sessions](#)
- [Instructor Policies](#) (e.g. Posting of Grades, Late Submissions, Communication Etiquette, etc.)
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