

ADVANCED TOPICS OF WOMEN AND THE LAW
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Course Description:

Advanced Topics of Women and the Law is a two-credit seminar which addresses histories and legal issues surrounding gender from both national and international perspectives. The course presupposes that there are political, cultural, and legal implications that result from sex and gender. Reading materials for this course will be provided by the professor. Students will be responsible for a presentation and a reflective journal. Course may be used for upper-level seminar paper.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Week One

Introduction to Women and the Law

Read:

1. Timeline of Women's Rights

Next week's Assignment: Read - *Celia, A Slave*

Week Two

Discuss:

Celia, A Slave

Discussion Questions

Next week's Assignment: 3 articles listed below

Seminar Paper Topic Due

Week Three

Read:

1. *Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Over-Policed, and Under Protected*
 2. *Race, Gender and the School to Prison Pipeline*
 3. *Say Her Name: Resisting Brutality Against Black Women*
- ❖ **Seminar Paper Topic Due**

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WEEK FOUR

Week Four

The Feminization of Poverty

Week Five

Domestic and Gender Violence

Week Six

Pornography

Week Seven

Female Genital Mutilation

❖ ***First Draft/Outline of Paper Due***

Week Eight

Reproductive Rights and Bodily Integrity

Week Nine

Rape and Sexual Violence

Week Ten

Women and the Legal Profession

Week Eleven

Prostitution and Sex Workers

❖ ***Second Draft of Paper Due***

Week Twelve 10/27

Film TBA

Week Thirteen 11/3

Film TBA

Week Fourteen 11/11

Veteran' Day No Class

Week Fifteen – 11/17

Make-up Class

❖ ***Presentations of Research Papers***

❖ ***Reflective Journal Due***

❖ ***Research Paper Due***

Presentation and journal are pass/fail. Paper/ Final Assignment and class participation are worth 100% of grade.

The 25 page paper can be used for the Upper Level Writing Requirement providing a grade of at least B- is obtained.

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SEMINAR PAPER REQUIREMENTS

1. Times New Roman – 12 Font
2. A minimum of twenty-five pages
3. Double-spaced
4. Footnotes which conform to Blue Book citations
5. One- inch margins
6. Cover page which includes:
 - Your name
 - Course name
 - Professor’s name
 - Title of paper
7. Number your pages, even the drafts

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CLASS PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Presentation may take any format you choose; e.g., panel discussion, power point presentation, role playing, guest speaker, tap dance, opera, etc.
2. Presentation must cover the entire class period.
3. Both members must fully participate in the presentation.
4. Presentation must demonstrate that student(s) is well-prepared.
5. Presentation must contain an international component.
6. Presentation must engage the class and encourage class participation.
7. Presenter(s) must to professor a copy of the presentation plan at least three days before the presentation. This plan must include a list of the sources used to support the facts detailed in the presentation.
8. Presenter(s) will notify the professor of any technical needs at least three days before the presentation.
9. Material must be covered in a clear, cogent, and understandable manner.
10. Both class and professor will critique presentation.
11. Hand-outs are encouraged.

Reflective Journal Requirements

- Journal entries must be made at the end of each presentation and should include:
- Which facts of the presentation had the most impact on you?
- How has the law shaped that particular aspect of women's lives?
- What can the law do to change/impact the situation(s) described?
- What are any additional thoughts you have on the topic discussed?