

ADVANCED TOPICS OF WOMEN AND THE LAW
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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, reflective journal, and a twenty-five page seminar paper.

Week One 8/11

Introduction to Women and the Law

Read:

1. Timeline of Women's Rights
2. Some of Us are Brave
3. Sexual Equality and the Constitution¹
4. How to write a scholarly student paper

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

Week Two 8/18

Discuss:

Celia, A Slave

Discussion Questions

Next week's Assignment: Seminar Paper Topic Due

Week Three 8/25

Read:

1. Female Genital Mutilation: Exploring Strategies for Ending Ritualized Torture; Shaming, Blaming, and Utilizing the Convention Against Torture.²
2. FGM Film Warrior Marks
- ❖ **Seminar Paper Topic Due**

¹ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

² Patricia A. Broussard

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS BEGIN

Week Four 9/1

The Feminization of Poverty

Week Five 9/8

Domestic and Gender Violence

Week Six 9/15

Pornography

Week Seven 9/22

Political Equality in the United States

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

Week Eight 9/29

Reproductive Rights and Bodily Integrity

Week Nine 10/6

Rape and Sexual Violence

Week Ten 10/13

Women and the Legal Profession

Week Eleven 10/20

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 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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