

## **COURSE SYLLABUS FORM**

**American University of Beirut  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences**

### **CIVILIZATION SEQUENCE PROGRAM**

**C.S. 230**

### **INTRODUCTION TO FEMINIST THEORY**

#### **I. Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Ability to handle primary texts and distinguish the different feminist theories perceived therein.
2. Ability to distinguish, appraise and summarize the different and contrasting views of feminism.
3. Ability to recognize sexism in all its forms.
4. Ability to select, organize and present information clearly and logically.
5. Break down and analyze the theoretical and philosophical meaning of the different theories presented in any text on the subject.
6. Ability to explain the importance and relevance of such a subject.
7. Show critical awareness of the ethical, religious and social implications of the subject.
8. The skills of rapid reading.
9. The skills of oral presentations.
10. Ability to debate the subject with ease.

#### **II. Resources Available to Students:**

1. Rosemarie Tong, *Feminist Thought: A Comprehensive Introduction*. Boulder and San Francisco: Westview Press, 1998.
2. Shawn Meghan Burn, *Women across Cultures; A Global Perspective* (Mountview, California: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1999).

#### **III. Grading Criteria:**

1. The one hour exam consists of two parts.
  - a. Short questions.
  - b. Essay.
2. Final exam only essays.

3. Oral presentations in class.
4. Grades:
  - a. Hour exam:
    - i. Short questions 50%
    - ii. Essay 50%.
  - b. Hour exam 20%.
  - c. Oral presentation 20%.
  - d. Class participation 10%.
  - e. Final exam 50%.

**IV. Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
<b>1</b>	Introduction and History of the Problem	S.M. Burn, 1-27.
<b>2</b>	History of the Problem: Feminism	S.M. Burn, 222-225.
<b>3</b>	Liberal Feminism	R.M. Tong, 11-37; S.M. Burn, 187-217.
<b>4</b>	Radical Feminism: Reproduction and mothering	R.M. Tong, 71-94. S.M. Burn, 52-55, 67-73.
<b>5</b>	Radical Feminism: Reproduction and Mothering	Same Readings
<b>6</b>	Radical Feminism: Gender and Sexuality	R.M. Tong, 95-138; S.M. Burn, 89-94.
<b>7</b>	Radical Feminism: Gender and Sexuality	Same Readings; S.M. Burn, 115-118
<b>8</b>	Psychoanalytic Feminism	R.M. Tong, 139-172.
<b>9</b>	Psychoanalytic Feminism	R.M. Tong, 139-172
<b>10</b>	Socialist Feminism	R.M. Tong, 39-69, 173-193; S.M. Burn, 97-115, 119-129, 238-245.

<b>11</b>	Socialist Feminism	Same Readings
<b>12</b>	Has Feminism Failed?	S.M. Burn, 226-237.
<b>13</b>	Feminism in the Arab World.	None
<b>14</b>	Assimilation of the Course	None

**V. Course Policy:**

1. Attendance taken.
2. Only five absences, without excuse, allowed.
3. One hour exam
4. One oral presentation.
5. Final exam.
6. No make-up exams without a legitimate excuse.
7. Discussion in class highly encouraged.
8. No cell-phones
9. No food or beverages
10. No smoking
11. Questions and discussion on one on one basis encouraged during office hours or by appointment.