
WGSS 212: Intro to Feminist Theory (CRN 43159)

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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

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This class went really well because the amount of zooms were perfect and the teacher has a really good layout of the class where there is a presentation and then a group discussion and it allows everyone to participate. I feel like I learned a lot because the group discussions were helpful to hear everyone's take on certain topics. Teacher gives a lot of guidance and it helps a lot especially with the essays. But having two was also a great amount not too many but not too little.
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Honestly not much more this is a great class and the teacher is amazing.
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Other comments:

Thank you for such a great quarter!

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the professor really took time explaining topics in depth and made sure to use examples that the students would understand and connect with

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I wouldn't make any changes

Other comments:

I really liked the use of google docs for class discussions- made it easy to see every ones ideas at once

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Professor was verbose and thorough in their lecturing. The concessions Prof. Abustan made to student's mental health were greatly appreciated, and I hope to see this mindset adopted by other professors.
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Apologies were often made for the Professor's shortcomings in regards to their ability or inability to teach to their greatest potential on any given day. I understand the purpose of these messages but they came across as denigrating.
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Other comments:

n/a

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The readings assigned were all extremely relevant and interesting. I also really enjoyed the structure of having tuesdays be discussion and thursdays be an in-class viewing.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

class could be shortened, I don't think any person should be expected to remain attentive on zoom for two hours straight.

Other comments:

very sweet and understanding professor.

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Paulina being considerate about our priorities as students such as mental health, allowing extensions, and making sure we feel welcome in the class environment by allowing us to type in the chat if we don't feel comfortable using our voice and having closed captions for every zoom.
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Keeping track on time during class since there were some instances where we ran out of time and not everyone had the opportunity to share their thoughts without rushing.

Other comments:

Thank you for being the most understanding professor I've had thus far.

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I think I enjoyed the time spent on zoom calls the most, because that's when I feel like I learned the most.
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I know it would be difficult because the textbook is a lot to cover in one quarter, but I would've liked if the entire class could focus on one reading at a time. I feel like I probably missed a lot of important things simply because there was so much to read.
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Other comments:

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The inclusivity and accessibility
What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?
More enforcement on participation
Other comments:

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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

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I loved the group notes that was started about half way through the quarter, enforcing students to give notes about the assigned readings helps make sure participation is high and I liked to see how others perceived the different chapters.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Keep the group inclusive notes!! it is a big help when zoom cuts out or I mentally cannot focus on the words. it is easier to see typed things than listen and hope I can remember when it counts. I like big group discussions rather than small group.
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Other comments:

Professor Dr. Paul Leena is amazing! I love to see a teacher who knows what they are talking about, passionate about what they are talking about, and caring towards students. They connected with our class and made it so much more fun to come! The representation of someone who is gender non-conforming makes me feel represented! Dr. Leena's emotion towards the class was evident and they truly wanted to help us learn in any way they can. They are very open about their life and the content we are learning about.

I hope Dr. Paul Leena gets to teach for more than only one year at Western in the future! Keep them!
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Expectations were well-rounded and wholistic: life and being human was taken into account, and when one thing wasn't working, another was tried out. Liked the way that the teachings were given in the context of the real world and our everyday lives, not just theory.
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

More focused readings for groups from the start instead of the overwhelm of so many readings due each week. Even if someone gets through them all, it's hard to focus on the messages. This was better later in the quarter.
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Other comments:

Would recommend this class to others.

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DR. P is really understanding of the situations students are put in when it comes to things like mental health and even power outages. They also created an environment that was accessible as someone with learning disabilities. This was partially because even though there was a lot of reading for the class, it did not feel overwhelming or like it was the only way to understand the concepts. I also like the small group discussions.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

This quarter, I felt like there was not a lot of work I had to do outside of the class time until we got to the midterm paper. I think this paper was an important part of the class, but it could have been less stressful if it was more spread out like if there was an outline due the week before or something, just to ensure students are thinking about it and working on it. It is also a little my fault for putting off the paper until kind of the last minute, but an outline deadline could have been helpful for me. I know that some of this comes with it being an online class, but it was also kind of hard for me to sit through an entire class period. Two hours is a long time, and even with the 5 minute break in the middle, I sometimes found myself unable to stay engaged with the lectures.

Other comments:

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The slideshows and movies shown in class.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

More collaboration time between groups sharing texts.

Other comments:

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What aspects of the teaching or content of this course do you feel were especially good?
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Ability to have open conversations, ability to feel comfortable, relatability and real life issues
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

Nothing

Other comments:

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I loved how you took time to talk about every topic clearly and your teaching didnt feel rushed. you were very understanding about your students mental health and cared about their well being without comprimising your teaching.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I truly would not make any changes to improve this course I had a great time and felt very welcomed and was not stressed coming into class. This class being online was the only thing that I struggled with but that has nothing to do with Dr. Paul and their abilty to teach. They were great and very caring even through a weird only covid time.
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Other comments:

I loved this class and I very much hope to be able to take more classes with Dr. Paul in the future.
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I enjoyed how involved dr abustan was and how much they cared for the students this quarter. everytime I would go into class I would immediately feel welcome, and like my opinion matters
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What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

this class worked very well for me, the only improvement I might have is more time for student discussion in a big group because it can be hard to get your thoughts out in front of everybody
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Other comments:

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She was very welcoming, knowledgeable and understanding. I think the best content we learned was just in how many different ways people are actually oppressed.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

A few more graded assignments possibly?

Other comments:

Professor Abustan is truly incredible, one of a kind and the best professor I have ever had.
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The way Dr. Abustan addresses alternative perspectives has brought me to re-address the way I view things within my own life and the others interact. I have really had to re-address the way I look at the world interactions and I am very grateful for that.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

This course was challenging, but certainly not overwhelming. There aren't any major changes I would make.

Other comments:

It has meant so much to me, to an extent I cannot express in words, to see a have a non-binary professor. As a non-binary person who is looking into going into education, I have never seen a person like me in that position, and it means so much to have that.
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The lectures and class activities were amazing. Everything was made to be interactive, personal, memorable, and exciting.

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

The only changes that could be made to improve this course would be to possibly have a different textbook if able to. The textbook was a little too theory heavy at times that I felt like it was getting way understanding the actual material.
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Other comments:

This class was wonderful! I am very happy that I took it, and I will continue using the lessons of intersectionality and theory throughout my life.

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Final presentation Zoom classes

What changes could be made to improve the teaching or the content of this course?

I wish we had a chance to go over our papers during class, like peer review or just submitting a rough draft to get feed back before submitting the final paper/ papers.
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Other comments:

It was a really good course, the professor was very supportive with everyone in class and pay a lot of attention to the feed back and needs our class would present to her.As well as making everyone feel respected and welcome to anything anyone had to share during class.
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Other comments:
