

University of Western Ontario
Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research

Women's Studies 2260: Women, Law, and Social Change

*The Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research
recognizes that we are located on the traditional land of the
Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lenape and Attawandaron peoples.*

Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Social Science Centre 2020

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to feminist engagement with the law, both in terms of scholarly perspectives and concepts and in terms of real-world legal cases and contemporary social issues. We will examine feminist scholarship of the law as it relates to major legal cases, legal concepts, and social issues on a range of topics, such as equality, sexual and racial difference, reproductive justice, consent and sexual assault, domestic violence, pornography, gender identity, sexual orientation, and women in the legal profession.

MATERIALS

Course readings are all freely available online, via OWL, CanLII, or hyperlinks in syllabus.

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COURSE WEBSITE

TBD

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- *Identify* and *explain* important facts and concepts in the feminist study of law
- *Understand* and *summarize* key aspects of case law and legislation
- *Analyze* contemporary social issues and real-world legal cases by *applying* scholarly perspectives
- Use course content to *justify* your own position on the major legal and social issues that affect women and other marginalized groups today

METHODS OF EVALUATION

20% - Engagement / Participation

This grade is determined through a series of weekly online activities, centred around in-class discussions. Each online activity is worth 1% of your grade. 23 activities will be available throughout the year (i.e. one each week except the dates of the in-class midterm and final exam review); therefore, you have the option of not doing two of the online activities because only your highest 20 activities will count toward your grade.

10% - Case Comprehension Report

The purpose of the case comprehension report is to prepare you to do case analysis reports later in year. This assignment requires you to do two things: (1) identify key points about a specified

To ensure your reports are entirely your original work, these assignments will be assessed through TurnItIn.

Western University's official policy regarding TurnItIn is that:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement currently between the University and Turnitin.com.

For late assignments, the course instructor will deduct 2% per day (i.e. - if your assignment is 5 days late, then you will be penalized 10% on that assignment). Because submission takes place online, this rule applies equally to weekdays and weekends. Should you require an extension, please contact either the course instructor a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the due date. Extensions are granted only by the course instructor and are done so in writing (usually by email). Assignments will not be accepted after the date of the final exam, except in exceptional circumstances.

A missed midterm or exam will result in a grade of 0 on that midterm or exam, unless you have medical or compassionate grounds for accommodation. This accommodation is granted by the Academic Counsellor in your home faculty. Academic accommodation must be requested within 28 days of the missed assignment.

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Other scholastic offences include (but are not limited to): re-submitting work you have previously submitted for another class (in part or in full) as “original” work in this class, cheating on a midterm or exam, submitting false records or documentation, and aiding or abetting another student doing these things.

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Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate

