

WMST 3250 Spirituality and Feminism (56-705)

Fall 2007 Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 pm  
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Expectations

You are expected to attend class, and to come prepared. All readings will be listed on web CT, and there will be links either to readings in the web or through the library's electronic reserves. (the password for the electronics reserves is "moon") You will need two notebooks to rotate – one to have with you and one that I'll be reading – in which you will record your reaction to the readings, and then your reflections during the music/video which opens each class. One half point of the final grade is awarded for each reflection in a class attended, and each reaction to required readings for a day of class. With thirty class periods, you may earn 15 points for attending/reflecting and 15 points for reactions to readings. You may receive points for readings reactions in your notebook assigned for a class meeting which you were not able to attend.

There will be a midterm examination on Tuesday, October 9 worth 15 % of your final grade.  
There will be a final examination on Tuesday, December 11, from 7 – 10 pm worth 15% of your final grade.

You will write an in-class, directed reflection on an approved woman's autobiography concerning her spiritual journey on October 4, worth 5% of your final grade.

You will write an in-class, directed reflection on an approved novel which contains a plot significantly involving issues of feminist spirituality on Thursday, November 8, worth 5% of your final grade.

You will plan an experience in feminist spirituality. Possibilities include creating/planning a ritual or worship service, an art project, planning/going on a journey/pilgrimage, writing a myth, building an altar, creating a mixed tape of music, interviewing a woman about her spiritual experience, or countless other ideas. There will be an opportunity to share with the class, but it is not mandatory, and a write-up of your experience will be due on Thursday, November 29 and count for 10% of your final grade.

You will write an 8 -12 page research essay on a topic in feminist spirituality due on Thursday, December 6, worth 20% of your final grade.

## Grading

Reflections in class	15	Reactions to readings	15
Autobiography		5 Novel	5
Experience	10	Research essay	20
Midterm		15 Final Exam	15

Final grades for the course are based on the following scale:

A	92.5 and above	C+	76.5 – 79.4
A-	89.5 – 92.4	C	72.5 – 76.4
B+	86.5 – 89.4	C-	69.5 – 72.4
B	82.5 – 86.4	D	59.5 – 69.4
B-	79.5 – 82.4	F	59.4 or less

Any student who initiates a withdrawal before the University deadline of Friday, October 12, will receive a grade of “W.”

All academic work must meet the standards contained in “A Culture of Honesty.” Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. The link to more detailed information about academic honesty can be found at:

<http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/honesty/acadhon.htm>

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Thursday, August 16 Introduction to the class

Tuesday, August 21  
Drop/Add ends at midnight

Thursday, August 23

Tuesday, August 28

Thursday, August 30

Tuesday, September 4

Thursday, September 6

Tuesday, September 11

Thursday, September 13

Tuesday, September 18

Thursday, September 20

Tuesday, September 25

Thursday, September 27

Tuesday, October 2

Thursday, October 4 In-class book review on an autobiography  
Review for the midterm

Tuesday, October 9 Midterm

Thursday, October 11

Friday, October 12 – Midpoint Withdrawal Deadline

Tuesday, October 16

Thursday, October 18

Tuesday, October 23

Thursday, October 25

Tuesday, October 30

Thursday, November 1

Tuesday, November 6

Thursday, November 8 In-class book review on a novel

Tuesday, November 13

Thursday, November 15

Tuesday, November 20

Thursday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, November 27

Thursday, November 29 Experience in feminist spirituality due

Tuesday, December 4 No class – Friday class schedules are in effect

Thursday, December 6 Research essay due  
Summary of the term review for final exam

Tuesday, December 11 FINAL EXAM 7 – 10 pm

### TOPICAL OUTLINE

First Wave Feminism

Second Wave Feminism

Reformist/Reconstructivist, Radical, Womanist

Goddess/es Greek/Roman Early European Mother

Wicca

Shekinah divine feminine in western religion

Judaism

Catholicism

Protestantism

Fundamentalism

Islam

Hindu

Asian

African ancestor, voodoo

Latin America mujerista

Native American