

Wost 187: Intro to Women's Studies Discussion Sections 04 and 09, Fall 2004

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Discussion Sections

Welcome to WS 187! Discussion sections are designed to give you a place to share your ideas, discuss class materials with others and ask questions. In this class, you are encouraged to think about how the course material applies to your own life and to share your thoughts. At times, this may be challenging. You may be pushed to rethink some basic assumptions about gender, race, sexuality, class, and relationships. We are all here to learn from each other and everyone has something to contribute. In order to create a safe space for discussion and learning, I require that you speak to each other with respect. It's OK to have different opinions, but I ask that you share them in a way that is educational for and respectful to others. Please allow room for each other to speak, and listen carefully to what others are saying or trying to say. Give each other space to learn, ask questions, and share thoughts. I will do my best to encourage your participation and I am interested in what each of you has to say.

Your Responsibilities

Prepare for the discussion section by completing assignments thoroughly and on time. Carefully review your lecture notes and the readings, noting questions you have and issues you wish to raise.

Attendance at your discussion section is **mandatory!** You must attend the discussion section for which you are registered; no exceptions. Please **email** me or provide a written explanation for any absence **in advance**, unless due to illness. **YOU** are responsible for getting lecture or discussion notes and for arranging for make-up work in the event of an excused absence (such as a religious observance, family emergency or event, participation in a university extracurricular activity, or medical absence.) **See grading below.**

Engage energetically with the topic at hand in a manner which demonstrates your preparation for the class and respect for yourself and your fellow students.

Grading

In your course syllabus, you see that 20% of your grade is derived from your participation in your discussion section. Your grade for this section will be determined as follows:

--12%: **Attendance**, 1 pt. each week. **Attendance is required.** Excused absences still require that you make up the work missed by writing a 2 page paper responding to that week's readings. **Your final grade will be deducted by 2 percentage points for every unexcused absence past 3.**

--5%: **Participation** (including contributions to discussion, assignments and in class writings).

--3%: **In-class Presentation**

Grades will be assigned according to the following **scale:**

A:	94-100%	B-:	80-82%	D+:	67-69%
A-:	90-93%	C+:	77-79%	D:	60-66%
B+:	87-89%	C:	73-76%	F:	59% or below
B:	83-86%	C-:	70-72%		

I will only accept assignments personally handed to me or put into my mailbox. No assignments under the door, and no email submissions, please. I'm happy to answer questions by email, but you must allow me 48 hours to respond.

Please see me immediately if any problems arise; the sooner we address any difficulties, the more time we have to find a solution to the problem together. If you have difficulties with writing, please make an appointment or the Writing Program well in advance of the paper due date so that you can receive help.