

**Introduction**

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Editor

WGS 160Y1Y Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

Instructor(s): A. Trotz

Enr: 170	Resp: 80							Retake: 74%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	2	14	28	29	24	5.6
Explains	0	0	1	8	28	34	26	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	3	22	25	48	6.2
Teaching	0	0	1	1	17	42	37	6.1
Workload	0	1	4	61	24	5	4	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	5	57	28	5	2	4.4
Learn Exp	0	1	3	21	28	25	19	5.3

The second half of the course, lectured by Trotz was "outstanding and very inspiring." Tutorials and assignments were relevant for the course material. Overall, students felt the course would have been more profiting had Trotz taught the full year.

WGS 261Y1Y Scientific Constructions of Sex and Gender

Instructor(s): J. Larkin

Enr: 150	Resp: 108							Retake: 89%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	9	21	37	30	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	2	18	35	42	6.1
Communicates	0	0	0	0	14	31	51	6.3
Teaching	0	0	0	0	19	35	42	6.1
Workload	0	1	3	50	29	11	1	4.5
Difficulty	1	2	4	69	12	7	1	4.2
Learn Exp	2	0	0	16	20	32	27	5.6

Many students said that Larkin's lectures were very enjoyable. She was very enthusiastic. Some students found the readings heavy and the grading system inefficient.

WGS 262Y1Y Texts, Theories, Histories

Instructor(s): A. Trotz; M. Murphy

Enr: 41	Resp: 16							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Trotz:								
Presents	0	0	6	0	18	56	18	5.8
Explains	0	0	0	6	31	18	43	6.0
Communicates	0	0	0	0	6	25	68	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	13	33	53	6.4
Murphy:								
Presents	0	0	0	6	25	43	25	5.9
Explains	0	0	0	6	37	25	31	5.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	12	31	56	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	0	18	25	56	6.4
Course:								
Workload	0	0	0	18	31	50	0	5.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	12	43	31	12	5.4
Learn Exp	0	0	0	7	0	15	76	6.6

Students praised Trotz and Murphy for their valuable insight and critical perspective. Students also found the TA to be extremely helpful. The course material and weekly assignments helped students improve their writing skills. Overall, students felt this course was extremely valuable and helped prepare for future WGS courses!

WGS 330H1S Special Topic in Women and Gender Studies: Caribbean Women Writers

Instructor(s): R. Espinet

Enr: 36	Resp: 23							Retake: 81%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	4	19	19	23	19	14	4.8
Explains	5	5	10	25	20	25	10	4.7
Communicates	9	0	4	0	23	28	33	5.5
Teaching	4	0	0	23	28	33	9	5.1
Workload	4	0	0	45	31	13	4	4.6
Difficulty	5	0	0	70	15	10	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	8	25	16	16	33	5.4

Most students felt that the material covered was interesting and insightful. Some students felt that the course would have been much better if Espinet lectured more and had less emphasis on student presentations.

WGS 334H1S Special Topic in Women and Gender Studies: Nationalism, Religion and Gender in South Asia

Instructor(s): A. Tambe

Enr: 31	Resp: 16							Retake: 93%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	31	18	50	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	43	56	6.6
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	31	68	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	31	37	25	6	5.1
Difficulty	0	0	0	37	18	37	6	5.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	11	33	55	6.4

Tambe was praised as an exceptionally wonderful and encouraging instructor. Her insight about South Asia was inspiring and many students were excited to take more courses with her. The readings and class discussions were thought to be extremely valuable.

WGS 365H1S Gender Issues in Law

Instructor(s): K. Rittich

Enr: 37	Resp: 26							Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	4	0	37	45	12	5.6
Explains	0	0	4	4	16	50	25	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	4	16	54	25	6.0
Teaching	0	0	4	0	24	48	24	5.9
Workload	0	0	0	50	29	16	4	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	44	32	16	8	4.9
Learn Exp	0	5	0	22	22	33	16	5.3

Students felt that Rittich was a good lecturer with a strong grasp of the subject. The course was interesting and the readings engaging. There was a consensus amongst students to divide the final 60% assignment into smaller ones. On the whole, the course was a positive experience.

WGS 366H1F Gender and Disability

Instructor(s): R. Gorman

Enr: 39	Resp: 22							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Mean
Presents	0	0	0	0	18	27	54	6.4
Explains	0	0	0	0	18	27	54	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	13	13	72	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	0	4	31	63	6.6
Workload	0	4	4	63	22	4	0	4.2
Difficulty	0	4	0	63	27	4	0	4.3

Learn Exp 0 0 0 0 25 56 18 5.9

Many students described the instructor as "amazing". She was enthusiastic, caring, well-organized and very approachable. Students felt the assignments were well suited to the course and the readings were manageable, as well as interesting. It was described as a great course and a valuable learning experience.

WGS 367H1F The Politics of Gender and Health

Instructor(s): V. Napolitano-Quayson

	Resp: 16							Retake: 31%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	25	0	18	18	31	6	0	3.5
Explains	12	12	25	12	18	18	0	3.7
Communicates	0	6	6	18	37	12	18	5.0
Teaching	12	12	18	18	25	6	6	3.8
Workload	0	0	0	50	31	12	6	4.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	31	37	25	6	5.1
Learn Exp	6	26	26	20	6	6	6	3.4

There was an overall consensus of the tutorials being ineffective. It was felt that the instructor was not able to communicate the material clearly. Some thought there was too much emphasis on anthropology.

WGS 368H1S Gender and Cultural Difference: Transnational Perspective

Instructor(s): L. Manicom

	Resp: 21							Retake: 95%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	4	0	33	19	42	6.0
Explains	0	0	4	0	28	33	33	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	0	14	28	57	6.4
Teaching	0	0	0	4	4	23	66	6.5
Workload	0	0	0	19	47	19	14	5.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	33	42	14	9	5.0
Learn Exp	0	0	0	6	18	31	43	6.1

Many students felt that this course opened their eyes to culture and identity. The workload was felt to be heavy for a half year course. However, students felt that Manicom was an "extremely brilliant" and "extremely approachable" instructor who gave many students "renewed faith in the value of academia."

WGS 374H1S Feminist Studies in Sexuality

Instructor(s): J. Taylor

	Resp: 26							Retake: 76%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	7	15	50	26	6.0
Explains	0	0	0	7	11	38	42	6.2
Communicates	0	0	0	3	3	23	69	6.6
Teaching	0	0	0	4	0	28	68	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	76	20	4	0	4.3
Difficulty	0	0	0	65	26	7	0	4.4
Learn Exp	0	0	5	35	30	10	20	5.1

Students praised Taylor as an encouraging and enthusiastic instructor. The course material was very interesting and relevant.

WGS 375H1F Colonialism, Sexuality, Spirituality and the Law

Instructor(s): M.J. Alexander

	Resp: 23							Retake: 78%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	4	13	22	27	9	22	4.9
Explains	0	0	4	4	26	26	39	5.9
Communicates	0	0	0	4	4	8	82	6.7
Teaching	0	4	0	4	21	26	43	6.0
Workload	0	0	0	4	13	21	60	6.4
Difficulty	0	0	0	4	17	43	34	6.1
Learn Exp	0	0	0	5	17	5	70	6.4

The majority of the comments were that Alexander was a very good instructor. She was one of the most inspirational instructors students ever had. The majority of students loved the course. However, many felt that the course material was too much for a half-year course; almost everyone recommended that this course be a full-year. Some students suggested that the assignment dates be fixed. Overall, people found the course to be an invaluable experience.

WGS 425Y1Y Women and Issues of International Development

Instructor(s): L. Manicom

	Resp: 13							Retake: 84%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	23	30	46	6.2
Explains	0	0	0	0	15	30	53	6.4
Communicates	0	0	0	0	7	7	84	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	38	61	6.6
Workload	0	0	0	23	38	38	0	5.2
Difficulty	0	0	0	23	46	23	7	5.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	0	40	60	6.6

Many students felt that the course was challenging but extremely valuable and insightful! Readings and class discussions were engaging. Manicom was considered a "thoughtful, challenging and encouraging" instructor.

WGS 435H1S Advanced Topics in Women and Gender Studies: Gender, Transnationality and the Black Diaspora

Instructor(s): A. Trotz

	Resp: 11							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	18	81	6.8
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	18	81	6.8
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	18	81	6.8
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	18	81	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	30	0	30	40	5.8
Difficulty	0	0	0	18	9	45	27	5.8
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	12	0	87	6.8

Students felt that Trotz was UofT's "greatest treasure". She was extremely knowledgeable and insightful. Students enjoyed the class discussions and readings. Many students were sorry not to have taken a course with her sooner!

WGS 470Y1Y Women and Gender Studies Practicum

Instructor(s): L. Manicom

	Resp: 10							Retake: 100%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Presents	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Explains	0	0	0	0	0	50	50	6.5
Communicates	0	0	0	0	0	33	66	6.7
Teaching	0	0	0	0	0	25	75	6.8
Workload	0	0	0	55	44	0	0	4.4
Difficulty	0	0	11	55	33	0	0	4.2
Learn Exp	0	0	0	0	11	11	77	6.7

There was a general consensus that this course was invaluable. Many students felt that this was a great course to apply theory and class work in an organizational setting. Manicom was incredibly "supportive, insightful and intelligent."