Detailed Course Outline

Course Title: FNST 327–4/GSWS 327-4 Aboriginal Women in Canada
Section: D100
Term: 2014 Spring (Term # 1141)
Instructor: Sessional Instructor

Class Schedule: Thursdays, 13:30 - 17:20 hrs
Class location: HCC 2245, Vancouver Campus
Office Hours: Thursdays, 12:00 - 13:00 Hrs. Office Tel: TBA
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Description Topics: This section of FNST 327/GSWS 327-4 considers themes and issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal women in Canada. The course focuses on indigenous theories of gender, the evaluation and political function of stereotypes of indigenous women in Canada, history of Canadian legislation regulating indigenous identity, relevance of feminist analysis, and histories of Indigenous and women of colour activism. Students will be evaluated on written expository essays, a critical/creative project, class participation, an oral presentation and regular in-class journaling.

Academic Calendar Description
Themes and issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of aboriginal women in Canada: indigenous theories of gender; evolution and political function of stereotypes of indigenous women in Canada; history of Canadian legislation regulating indigenous identity; relevance of feminist analysis; and history of activism.

Grading:

10% Class Participation
20% First Essay
20% Second Essay
15% Presentation*
25% Critical/Creative Project
10% Journal Portfolio

* Presentation mark also includes active engagement and participation in class presentations as a whole (not just your own paper), including but not limited to attendance, responding to each others presentations, active listening, asking questions etc.

Required Texts:
Clements, Marie. The Unnatural and Accidental Women.
Huhndorf, Shari and Cheryl Suzack. Indigenous Women and Feminism.
Maracle, Lee. I Am Woman.
(Above course texts will be available for purchase at the SFU Vancouver Campus Bookstore.)

Additional readings to be posted to CANVAS
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Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies: None.

Prerequisite/Corequisite: 45 units. Students who have taken FNST 322 under this topic may not take this course for further credit. FNST 327 and GSWS 327 (or WS 327) are identical and students may not take both courses for credit.

Notes: Enrollment is prioritized for this course. If the course is full, requests for placement on the Manual Waitlist maybe submitted to first_nations@sfu.ca.

Deferred grades will be given ONLY on the basis of authenticated medical disability.

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All students are expected to read and understand SFU policies with regard to academic honesty and student conduct (S10). These policies are available at: http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html.

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