

SO353-15 Feminist Pedagogy/Feminist Activism

21/22

Department

Sociology

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

N/A

Module aims

This module aims to explore what constitutes 'feminist pedagogy' and how this radical approach to education and knowledge production might foster and support different kinds of feminist activism for social change. This module does not seek to advance a unified theory of feminism but rather, to highlight how race, class, gender, sexuality, disability and legal status intersect to produce particular knowledges and repertoires of action for different feminist actors.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Session 1 Whose feminism and why feminist pedagogy?

Session 2 Who gets to be a feminist activist? What counts as feminist activism?

Session 3 Doing feminist pedagogy: Consciousness-raising sessions
Session 4 Doing feminist pedagogy: Non-hierarchical collectives and group-centred leadership
Session 5 Activist Case Study
Session 6 Reading week
Session 7 Activist Case Study
Session 8 Activist Case Study
Session 9 International Women's Day event
Session 10 Student Review and Summative feedback session

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Identify and apply key tenets of feminist pedagogy
- Compare and contrast competing approaches to feminist pedagogy
- Analyse the feminist pedagogical strategies of different feminist activisms at the local, national and international levels and across different cultural and historical contexts

Indicative reading list

Ahmed, S. (2009) 'Embodying Diversity: Problems and Paradoxes for Black Feminists.' *Race, Ethnicity and Education* 12(1): 41-52.

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Subject specific skills

Communication
Team work
Critical thinking
Problem solving
Time management

Transferable skills

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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	8 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Total	142 hours

Type	Required
Seminars	8 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Tutorials	(0%)
Project supervision	(0%)
Practical classes	1 session of 2 hours (1%)
Supervised practical classes	(0%)
Private study	124 hours (87%)
Total	142 hours

Private study description

reading, preparing for seminars, participation in group activities

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time
Oral History Project	75%	5 hours
A 3,000-word essay. Students will be required to interview 2-3 feminist activists and critically analyse the pedagogical strategies that have informed the activists' work.		
Co-organise an International Women's Day	25%	3 hours
Co-design and co-organise a two-hour International Women's Day event. Working closely with the module leader, students will collectively co-organise an event of their choice and design which commemorates International Women's Day on 8th March and which links to the module's learning outcomes.		

Feedback on assessment

Formative feedback in the selection of interview participants for essays
 Summative feedback on student essays
 Formative feedback over 10 weeks in the planning of the International Women's Day event
 Collective summative peer review/feedback on the International Women's Day event

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Optional for:

- USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
 - Year 3 of L301 Sociology
 - Year 3 of L301 Sociology
 - Year 3 of L301 Sociology
- Year 4 of USOA-L306 BA in Sociology (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 - Year 3 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
 - Year 3 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
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This module is Option list A for:

- ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
 - Year 3 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
 - Year 4 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
 - Year 4 of ML34 Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 4 of ULAA-ML33 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 3 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- Year 4 of UPOA-ML14 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology (with Intercalated year)