

# PHIL/WGSS 121 Section: 01, "Philosophy and Feminism"

Fall 2022

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:45 PM

Sweeney Hall 241

Jordan Liz

Jordan.Liz@sjsu.edu

## Course Description



What is feminism? What does it mean to say that 'gender' is a social construct? How should we understand the relationship between sex, gender, and sexuality? How do different systems of oppression, such as racism, classism and ableism intersect with sexism? In this course, we investigate foundational and topical questions of feminist theory, focusing predominately on contemporary issues facing women both domestically and internationally. We will begin the course with a critical examination of major concepts within the feminist tradition, including gender, sex, sexism, and sexuality. Afterwards, we turn to issues of intersectionality; and, more specifically, to how the experiences of race, dis-ability and class impact one's experience of sexism. In doing so, we will also focus on issues impacting the LGBTQ+ and transgender communities. Finally, we will turn our attention to two primary issues facing women today: the struggle for reproductive freedom and the prevalence of sexual violence and harassment.

Prerequisite(s): 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.