



University
of Victoria

POLI 385 Gender, Race and Power

Instructor Spring 2023: Dr. Mara Marin

Course delivery: POLI 385 will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Prerequisites: 3rd year standing or permission of the department

Course description:

This course introduces students to some of the central theoretical debates and conceptual innovations of feminist political theories, thus giving students a sense of the internal diversity of these theories. The issues discussed will include violence against women, marriage and the family, alternative to the marital family, heteronormativity, intersections of race and gender in reproduction and reproductive labor, the social organization of care, Marxist, black, decolonial and Indigenous feminisms.

Course outcomes/objectives:

- Develop written and verbal communication through essay writing and discussion
- Identify problems that have motivated feminist thinkers
- Explore the central concepts in feminist theory and apply them to everyday situations
- Identify, analyze and make arguments based on issues raised by feminist theorists
- Explore current debates and disagreements among feminist scholars

Topics may include:

Queer theory

Gender oppression and domination

Intersectionality

This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.