

Feminist Theory (English Immersion Class)

Instructor: Benn Johnson

English Level: Advanced

Dates: Thursdays 12:10-12:50

Description:

This class is intended to model a class from a US university, and will be conducted in English. It is intended for students who are planning to study abroad soon, or who have returned from study abroad and would like to continue learning English through immersion. The topic of this class is Feminist Theory, and will focus on topics like Feminism, LGBTQ+ issues, and gender. The class will include the main parts of a normal university class in the United States, including lecture, discussion, reading, and a writing assignment.

The class is a great opportunity to learn about how gender is studied in the US, and to learn new vocabulary and communication skills!

Goals:

1. Expand students' thinking in relation to gender feminist theory, LGBTQ+ issues, and related topics.
2. Learn new vocabulary and practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing about social issues.
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Schedule:

1. What is a feminist? What are feminists?
2. Introduction to academic feminism (paper assignment and reading)
3. Feminist Histories: American Feminisms and "the waves"
4. Simone de Beauvoir (What is a woman?)
5. Radical Feminism: What is a "radical" anyway?
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6. Ecofeminism
7. Intersectional Feminism
8. What does feminism mean for men?
9. Postmodern Feminism and Queer Theory (Butler)
10. LGBT Topics

