

Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2022
Previous Value Spring 2020

Course Change Information

What change is being proposed? (If more than one, what changes are being proposed?)

Adding the REGD new GE foundation. The cross-listed section, Hebrew 3704 already has DL approval and this section should as well. This course was rolled over into the Literary, Visual and Performing Arts new GE through the excel document returned to the college.

What is the rationale for the proposed change(s)?

This course explores gender, ethnicity and race in the context of the ancient Near Eastern societies and cultures that read and interpreted the ancient biblical texts. Close examinations of those texts and cultures can aid students in their understandings of race, ethnicity and gender categories in the modern world. By adding this foundation to the course, NELC will aid ASC in the continued goal of diversifying our student base and reaching students outside of ASC who need REGD courses to complete GE requirements.

What are the programmatic implications of the proposed change(s)?

(e.g. program requirements to be added or removed, changes to be made in available resources, effect on other programs that use the course)?

n/a

Is approval of the request contingent upon the approval of other course or curricular program request? No

Is this a request to withdraw the course? No

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area	Jewish Studies
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Near Eastern Languages/Culture - D0554
College/Academic Group	Arts and Sciences
Level/Career	Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog	3704
Course Title	Women in the Bible and Beyond
Transcript Abbreviation	Women in Bib Lit
Course Description	An examination of the social, legal, and religious position of women as they appear in the Hebrew Bible and the ways in which they have been represented and interpreted in later textual, visual, and audio sources.
Semester Credit Hours/Units	Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course	14 Week, 12 Week, 8 Week, 7 Week, 6 Week, 4 Week
Flexibly Scheduled Course	Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component?	Yes
Is any section of the course offered	100% at a distance
<i>Previous Value</i>	<i>No</i>
Grading Basis	Letter Grade
Repeatable	No
Course Components	Lecture

Grade Roster Component	Lecture
Credit Available by Exam	No
Admission Condition Course	No
Off Campus	Never
Campus of Offering	Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark, Wooster
Previous Value	<i>Columbus, Marion, Newark</i>

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites	Prereq: English 1110.
Exclusions	Not open to students with credit for 2704, Hebrew 2704, or 3704.
Electronically Enforced	No

Cross-Listings

Cross-Listings	Cross-listed in Hebrew.
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Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code	38.0206
Subsidy Level	General Studies Course
Intended Rank	Sophomore, Junior, Senior

Requirement/Elective Designation

General Education course:
Literature; Global Studies (International Issues successors); Literary, Visual and Performing Arts; Race, Ethnic and Gender Diversity

Previous Value

*General Education course:
Literature; Global Studies (International Issues successors)*

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- To analyze the representations of women in the Hebrew Bible, covering a wide spectrum of biblical narratives and characters.
- To understand the historical and legal status of women in ancient Israel, and the ways in which that status is reflected in the Hebrew Bible.
- To analyze ancient, early modern and modern rewritings and reinterpretations of biblical women in theology, art, music and literature.
- To enable students to pursue interests in history, literature, art, literary criticism, feminism, and religious studies, as they relate to the images and interpretations of Biblical women.

Content Topic List

- Reading the Bible in its time
- Creation
- Mothers and matriarchs
- Wives and their husbands
- Women and biblical law
- Sexual violence and power
- Victims
- Powerful Women
- Gender
- Religion and contemporary life

Sought Concurrence

No

Attachments

- GE - REGD foundations - Hebrew 3704.pdf: New GE foundations document
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Heikes, Jacklyn Celeste)
- New GE Syllabus Hebrew 3704 - REGD proposal.docx: New GE syllabus
(Syllabus. Owner: Heikes, Jacklyn Celeste)
- GE - REGD foundations - Hebrew 3704 - Revised.pdf: GE Foundations Form Revised
(GEC Model Curriculum Compliance Stmt. Owner: Blacker, Noah)
- Hebrew 3704 REGD Syllabus - Autumn 2021 - revised.docx: Syllabus - Revised
(Syllabus. Owner: Blacker, Noah)
- Hebrew 3704 GE proposal - supplementary materials.docx: Supplementary Material
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Blacker, Noah)

Comments

- Updated for revisions *(by Blacker, Noah on 11/22/2021 07:13 AM)*
- Please address Panel's feedback sent on 9-13-21 *(by Vankeerbergen, Bernadette Chantal on 10/11/2021 03:10 PM)*
- Please see Panel feedback email sent 09/13/2021. *(by Hilty, Michael on 09/13/2021 02:08 PM)*

COURSE CHANGE REQUEST
3704 - Status: PENDING

Last Updated: Vankeerbergen, Bernadette
Chantal
12/16/2021

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Heikes, Jacklyn Celeste	08/05/2021 11:58 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Levi, Scott Cameron	08/05/2021 12:30 PM	Unit Approval
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

HEBREW 3704
WOMEN IN THE BIBLE AND BEYOND

Semester

Credit hours: 3

Mode of delivery: distance learning

Instructor: Professor Naomi Brenner

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Office: 315 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Rd.

Office Hours: Wednesdays, 2-3pm and by appointment, on Zoom

Preferred means of communication:

- The best way to reach me is via email, although I'll also monitor course discussion boards.
- Each week, I will post a to-do checklist in CarmenCanvas Announcements. Please check your [notification preferences](https://go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) (go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) to be sure you receive these messages.

Course Description

From Eve to Deborah and from Rahab to Delilah, this course examines gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity in relation to women in the Hebrew Bible and in later interpretations, rewritings and transformations of the biblical text. What did categories like gender, race, and ethnicity mean in ancient Israel? How have later constructions of these social categories impacted interpretations of biblical narratives?

Over the course of the semester, we will read diverse narratives from the Hebrew Bible that focus on women and analyze intersections between gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity. We will also explore a wide range of later interpretations, examining the ways in which theology, visual art, literature, film, and popular culture transform these narratives at specific historical moments and in specific social and political contexts. Our goal is to better understand modes of interpretation of this foundational text, and how categories of social difference from ancient times to the present have shaped its many interpretations.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students should successfully be able to:

1. Analyze and interpret representations of women in the Hebrew Bible, as well as premodern and modern rewritings and interpretations of biblical women, in religious texts, visual arts, music, film, and literature.
2. Explain how the biblical text constructs gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity and their intersections in the context of ancient Near Eastern cultures, and how later thinkers,

writers, and artists have reinterpreted biblical narratives in the context of their own intersecting historical social constructs of gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity.

3. Discuss thoughtfully and critically their own social positions and identities in response to premodern and modern representations and intersections of gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity.
4. Reflect on the religious, social, cultural, and ethical implications of the Hebrew Bible and its interpretations and the ways that they have influenced lived experiences of gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity.
5. Recognize and discuss how the Hebrew Bible, its interpreters, and its interpretations have shaped different religious traditions, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors.

General Education

GE Category: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity

Goal 1: Successful students will engage in a systematic assessment of how historically and socially constructed categories of race, ethnicity, and gender, and possibly others, shape perceptions, individual outcomes, and broader societal, political, economic, and cultural systems.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 1.1 Successful students are able to describe and evaluate the social positions and representations of categories including race, gender, and ethnicity, and possibly others.
- 1.2 Successful students are able to explain how categories including race, gender, and ethnicity continue to function within complex systems of power to impact individual lived experiences and broader societal issues.
- 1.3 Successful students are able to analyze how the intersection of categories including race, gender, and ethnicity combine to shape lived experiences.
- 1.4 Successful students are able to evaluate social and ethical implications of studying race, gender, and ethnicity

Goal 2: Successful students will recognize and compare a range of lived experiences of race, gender, and ethnicity.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- 2.1 Successful students are able to demonstrate critical self- reflection and critique of their social positions and identities.
- 2.2 Successful students are able to recognize how perceptions of difference shape one's own attitudes, beliefs, or behavior.

2.3 Successful students are able to describe how the categories of race, gender, and ethnicity influence the lived experiences of others.

The course will satisfy these outcomes through its examination of the constructions of categories of gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity in narratives from the Hebrew Bible and later interpretations based on those narratives. By contrasting ancient and modern understandings of these categories, they will identify historical and social dynamics that underly representations of gender, race, and ethnicity. As they learn to closely analyze the biblical texts and later interpretations, students will analyze how gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, and class often intersect in biblical narratives and in later interpretations. They will also trace significant changes with respect to perceptions of difference and lived experiences of gender, race, and ethnicity, both in the biblical text and expressed through diverse visual and literary interpretations of the biblical text. By the end of the semester, students be able to critically read the Hebrew Bible from intersectional perspectives and will create and reflect on their own interpretations of the ancient text, informed by their own lived experiences and understandings of gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity.

GE Category: Literary, Visual, or Performing Arts

Goal 1: Successful students will analyze, interpret, and evaluate major forms of human thought, cultures, and expression; and demonstrate capacities for aesthetic and culturally informed understanding.

Expected Learning Outcomes

1.1 Successful students are able to analyze and interpret significant works of visual, spatial, literary and/or performing arts and design.

1.2 Successful students are able to describe and explain how cultures identify, evaluate, shape and value works of literature, art and design.

1.3 Successful students are able to evaluate how artistic ideas influence and shape human beliefs and the interactions between the arts and human perceptions and behavior.

1.4 Successful students are able to evaluate social and ethical implications in literature, visual and performing arts, and design.

Goal 2: Successful students will experience the arts and reflect on that experience critically and creatively.

Expected Learning Outcomes

2.1 Successful students are able to engage in informed observation and/or active participation within the visual, spatial, literary, or performing arts and design.

2.2 Successful students are able to critically reflect on and share their own experience of observing or engaging in the visual, spatial, literary, or performing arts and design.

The course will satisfy these outcomes by analyzing, interpreting, and evaluating one of the most influential global sacred texts, the Hebrew Bible. Students experience a variety of scholarly and artistic approaches to reading and understanding the biblical text and will examine the influential constructions of categories of race, gender, and ethnicity in the biblical text and in later biblical interpretations. Students will also experience biblical interpretations in the visual arts, film, music and literary texts and examine their cultural and social contexts. As they analyze ways in which this foundational text has been interpreted, rewritten, and challenged in a variety of cultures, genres, and historical time periods, they will critically reflect on their own experiences as readers, viewers, and interpreters.

Note: This class will look at the Bible, and by extension, God and religious belief, from different perspectives. You may find that you disagree with some of the ideas that we discuss, or find them offensive, naïve, sacrilegious, or subversive. This class does not seek to change your personal beliefs, but to expose you to a variety of approaches to reading and interpreting the Bible and to help you understand different beliefs and interpretive practices. Please come to class with an open mind and a willingness to discuss different perspectives in a respectful way. If you have any concerns, or feel uncomfortable with any aspect of the class, please talk to me.

How This Online Course Works

Mode of delivery: this course is 100% online. There are no required sessions when you must be logged into Carmen at a scheduled time, though there will be optional discussions with the instructor on Zoom.

Pace of online activities: This course is divided into **weekly modules** that are released one week ahead of time. Students are expected to keep pace with weekly deadlines but may schedule their efforts freely within that time frame.

Credit hours and work expectations: This is a 3 credit-hour course. According to [Ohio State bylaws on instruction](http://go.osu.edu/credithours) (go.osu.edu/credithours), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (instructor content and Carmen activities, for example) in addition to approximately 6 hours of homework (reading, viewing and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of C.

Attendance and participation requirements: Because this is an online course, your attendance is based on your online activity and participation. The following is a summary of students' expected participation:

- **Participating in online activities for attendance: at least twice per week**
You are expected to log in to the course in Carmen every week. During most weeks you will probably log in many times. If you have a situation that might cause you to miss an entire week of class, discuss it with me *as soon as possible*.
- **Office hours and Zoom discussions: optional**
All live, scheduled events for the course, including my office hours, are optional.
- **Participating in discussion forums: two or more times per week**
As part of your participation, each week you can expect to post at least twice as part of our substantive class discussion on the week's topics.

Weekly schedule: each week, you can expect the following components in the weekly module:

- 2-4 lectures, each between 10-25 minutes long
- Reading, viewing and listening assignments
- Discussion groups
- Weekly writing assignments
- Wrap-up quiz
- Optional Zoom discussions

How to Succeed in This Course

- **Stay on track:** the weekly modules are designed with Thursday and Sunday deadlines to keep you moving through the course material. The modules also build on each other, so they assume that you've mastered the concepts and material from the preview weeks. If you fall behind, it's going to be hard to catch up.
- **Be an active viewer and reader:** Take notes, record details, mark interesting segments of a reading, lecture or viewing, scribble down questions to ask on the discussion board. This class is about analyzing and making connections, and that how you're going to do well on graded assignments.
- **Be a respectful peer:** discussions and groupwork will be much more productive (and enjoyable) if you're willing to keep an open mind, share your ideas and listen to other students.
- **Ask questions!** Whether it's in discussions or via email, ask questions if you're confused or would like to know more about anything related to this course.

Course Materials and Technologies

Required Materials and Technologies

- You must have access to an unabridged Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). I highly recommend having a hard copy of the Bible, but there are also biblical texts available

online (see list on Carmen). You may use any translation you choose, as long as it is the complete text.

- CarmenCanvas: Readings, multimedia, links, and resources will be available on the course website, Carmen. Please let me know immediately if you have trouble accessing any material. I do my best to check all of the material online, but if a link is broken or a PDF is unreadable, let me know ASAP so I can fix it.

Required equipment

- Computer: current Mac (OS X) or PC (Windows 10) with high-speed internet connection
- Webcam: built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
- Microphone: built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
- Mobile device (smartphone or tablet) for Buckeye Pass authentication

Required software

- Microsoft Office 365: All Ohio State students are now eligible for free Microsoft Office 365. Visit the [installing Office 365](https://go.osu.edu/office365help) (go.osu.edu/office365help) help article for full instructions.

CarmenCanvas Access

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](https://buckeyepass.osu.edu) (buckeyepass.osu.edu) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you do each of the following:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](https://go.osu.edu/add-device) (go.osu.edu/add-device) help article for step-by-step instructions.
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- [Install the Duo Mobile application](https://go.osu.edu/install-duo) (go.osu.edu/install-duo) on all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service.

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at [614-688-4357 \(HELP\)](tel:614-688-4357) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

Technology Skills Needed for This Course

- Basic computer and web-browsing skills
- [Navigating CarmenCanvas](https://go.osu.edu/canvasstudent) (go.osu.edu/canvasstudent)
- [CarmenZoom virtual meetings](https://go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings) (go.osu.edu/zoom-meetings)

- [Recording a slide presentation with audio narration and recording, editing and uploading video](https://go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide) (go.osu.edu/video-assignment-guide)

Technology Support

For help with your password, university email, CarmenCanvas, or any other technology issues, questions or requests, contact the IT Service Desk, which offers 24-hour support, seven days a week.

- **Self Service and Chat:** go.osu.edu/it
- **Phone:** [614-688-4357](tel:614-688-4357) (HELP)
- **Email:** servicedesk@osu.edu
- **Kanopy:** Kanopy is a screening service that we have access to through the OSU libraries. You will need to log into Kanopy using your OSU login and password. If you cannot access Kanopy, either try a computer in one of the libraries or contact support at the library (look for the 'ask us' button on the library website, library.osu.edu). If the material isn't where it's supposed to be or locked, then email me (brenner.108@osu.edu).
- **YouTube:** Students can find the privacy guidelines for YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/static?template=privacy_guidelines
The technical support resources for YouTube can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/t/contact_us
Help with accessibility of YouTube can be found here: <https://www.google.com/accessibility/products-features.html>
- It is assumed that all students have access to Adobe Reader (to view PDF files: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>) and to the MS Office Suite (in order to use Word and Excel). You should also have Adobe Flash Player installed (<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>)

Digital Flagship

Digital Flagship is a student success initiative aimed at helping you build digital skills for both college and career. This includes offering an engaging collection of digital tools and supportive learning experiences, university-wide opportunities to learn to code, and a Design Lab to explore digital design and app development. Digital Flagship resources available to help Ohio State students include on-demand tutorials, The Digital Flagship Handbook (your guide for all things tech-related), workshops and events, one-on-one tech consultations with a peer or Digital Flagship staff member, and more. To learn more about how Digital Flagship can help you use technology in your courses and grow your digital skills, visit go.osu.edu/dfresources.

Course Requirements

Final grades will be calculated as follows:

Participation	15%
Weekly Assignments	40%
Weekly Quizzes	15%
Projects	25%

Assignment Information

Student Preparation and Participation (15%)

- This is a distance learning course and your attendance is based on your online activity and participation. You are expected to log in at least two times every week.
- You are expected to read, watch and listen to all of the assigned materials. Be sure to take notes for online discussion and assignments. This will help you improve your ability to analyze, appreciate and interpret the material that we focus on.
 - Guiding questions are posted on Carmen each week. These questions will help you identify key aspects of the film for discussion, paper assignments and the quizzes. You do not need to submit your responses to these questions.
- Complete the assigned readings and viewings before watching lectures. Lectures will assume that you're already familiar with the material.
- Participate in online discussions, either on Carmen or in the optional weekly Zoom sessions.
 - Weekly discussions, both on Carmen and on Zoom, will pose questions related to the module's assigned readings and viewings. That means you need to read/watch what is assigned *before* posting on the discussion board.
 - Students will be assigned to discussion groups to facilitate conversations within smaller groups. Most weekly discussions will be in small groups.
 - Discussions will be graded. You will not be graded on your opinions, but rather whether or not your postings follow the guidelines and engage with the material in detail.
 - The lowest discussion grade will be dropped in the calculation of final grades.
 - It can be hard to create successful online discussions. Take a look at "Discussion Guidelines" on Carmen, and try to always be respectful, keep an open mind and to always give your peers the benefit of the doubt.
 - Offensive language or bullying will not be tolerated in class discussions. I will be participating in and monitoring class discussions, but please let me know immediately if you have any concerns or questions.

Weekly Assignments (40%)

- Each week, students will respond to questions about the week's materials. This will be a way to work on analysis skills and dive into the texts, art, music and films we'll be focusing on.

- The majority of these assignments will be individual assignments. Students may talk with each other about the assignments, but each student must submit her/his own work. Any assignment that may be done in groups will be clearly marked as a group assignment.
- The lowest grade will be dropped in the calculation of final grades.
- If you have trouble with the assignments, visit me during office hours or try to attend one of the optional Zoom sessions to talk to me.

Weekly Quizzes (15%)

- Instead of exams, students will complete short wrap-up quizzes at the end of each weekly module, to emphasize the key themes from the week.
- The lowest quiz grade will be dropped in the calculation of final grades.

Projects (30%)

- There will be two projects assigned over the course of the semester, which ask you to synthesize material from across the semester.
 - Project 1 (15%)
 - Project 2 (15%)
- Projects must be completed individually, unless the guidelines specify otherwise.
- See Carmen for deadlines and guidelines.

Grading scale

93–100: A	73–76.9: C
90–92.9: A-	70 –72.9: C-
87–89.9: B+	67 –69.9: D+
83–86.9: B	60 –66.9: D
80–82.9: B-	Below 60: E
77–79.9: C+	

Late Assignments

Late work will automatically lose points, unless arrangements are made with the instructor. Small assignments (discussions, writing assignments) will lose 1 point/day. Large assignments (projects) will lose 3 points per day. If you are struggling to complete assignments on time, please be in touch with me to discuss alternative deadlines, ideally before the deadline. **It is always better to ask for an extension than to turn in work late or not to turn it in at all!**

Academic Integrity and Collaboration

I expect students to complete all assignments, projects and exams with fairness and honesty. **All assignments are individual assignments** to be completed by the student by themselves unless otherwise noted on Carmen. Plagiarism – the representation of someone else’s words or ideas as one’s own – is a very serious offense, and will be result in serious consequences. By plagiarism, I mean failing to acknowledge someone else’s work or ideas (word for word or paraphrasing), as

well as copying response or cheating on exams. All suspected cases of plagiarism will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research, and other educational and scholarly activities. Thus, The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expect that all students have read and understand the university's Code of Student Conduct (studentconduct.osu.edu), and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the university's *Code of Student Conduct* and this syllabus may constitute "Academic Misconduct."

The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the university or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the university's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an excuse for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the *Code of Student Conduct* and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by university rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the university's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the university.

If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include:

- [Committee on Academic Misconduct](http://go.osu.edu/coam) (go.osu.edu/coam)
- [Ten Suggestions for Preserving Academic Integrity](http://go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions) (go.osu.edu/ten-suggestions)
- [Eight Cardinal Rules of Academic Integrity](http://go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules) (go.osu.edu/cardinal-rules)

Instructor Feedback and Response Time

- **Preferred contact method:** If you have a question, please contact me first through my Ohio State email address. I will reply to emails within **24 hours on days when class is in session at the university**.
- **Class announcements:** I will send all important class-wide messages through the Announcements tool in CarmenCanvas. Please check [your notification preferences](http://go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) (go.osu.edu/canvas-notifications) to ensure you receive these messages.

- **Discussion board:** I will check and reply to messages in the discussion boards at least once mid-week and once at the end of the week.
- **Grading and feedback:** For weekly assignments, you can generally expect feedback within seven days. For projects, you can generally expect feedback within ten days.
- Remember that you can call [614-688-4357 \(HELP\)](tel:614-688-4357) at any time if you have a technical problem.

Discussion and Communication Guidelines

The following are my expectations of how we should communicate as a class. Above all, remember to be respectful and thoughtful.

Writing style: Remember to write using good grammar, correct spelling, and punctuation. Informality is okay to some extent but in general write as if you are writing an email to a professor. Be respectful.

Generosity: When people speak to each other face to face, there are all sort of clues that help us figure out what the other person means: body language, intonation, facial expressions, and more. Online, we lose a lot of these clues. It's easy to misinterpret someone's words and someone's intentions. Since this course will include online discussion, please be generous to your peers and instructors. Give them the benefit of the doubt: assume that a specific comment didn't mean to be rude or ignore you, even if you perceived it in that way. But please do speak up! Explain why you disagree or see things differently in a respectful manner.

Citing your sources: When we have academic discussions, please cite your sources to back up what you say. Personal anecdotes tell us a lot and I am happy to have you share your experiences. Remember that personal experiences are not evidence for academic arguments and discussions. Also, keep in mind that Google isn't the best way to find information, especially in an academic context. Cite academic references as evidence for your arguments with the author(s) name(s), title, publication (journal/newspaper/site) and include links for online sources. For course material, list the title and page, for online sources, include a link.

Copyright for Instructional Materials

The materials used in connection with this course may be subject to copyright protection and are only for the use of students officially enrolled in the course for the educational purposes associated with the course. Copyright law must be considered before copying, retaining, or disseminating materials outside of the course.

Statement on Title IX

All students and employees at Ohio State have the right to work and learn in an environment free from harassment and discrimination based on sex or gender, and the university can arrange interim measures, provide support resources, and explain investigation options, including referral to confidential resources.

If you or someone you know has been harassed or discriminated against based on your sex or gender, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual exploitation, you may find information about your rights and options on [Ohio State's Title IX website](https://titleix.osu.edu) (titleix.osu.edu) or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleix@osu.edu. Title IX is part of the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) at Ohio State, which responds to all bias-motivated incidents of harassment and discrimination, such as race, religion, national origin and disability. For more information, visit the [OIE website](https://equity.osu.edu) (equity.osu.edu) or email equity@osu.edu.

Commitment to a Diverse and Inclusive Learning Environment

The Ohio State University affirms the importance and value of diversity in the student body. Our programs and curricula reflect our multicultural society and global economy and seek to provide opportunities for students to learn more about persons who are different from them. We are committed to maintaining a community that recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among each member of our community; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited.

Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the land that The Ohio State University occupies is the ancestral and contemporary territory of the Shawnee, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Ojibwe and Cherokee peoples. Specifically, the university resides on land ceded in the 1795 Treaty of Greenville and the forced removal of tribes through the Indian Removal Act of 1830. I/We want to honor the resiliency of these tribal nations and recognize the historical contexts that has and continues to affect the Indigenous peoples of this land. More information on OSU's land acknowledgement can be found here:

<https://mcc.osu.edu/about-us/land-acknowledgement>

Your Health & Wellbeing

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. No matter where you are engaged in distance learning, The Ohio State University's

Student Life Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) is here to support you. If you find yourself feeling isolated, anxious or overwhelmed, [on-demand mental health resources](https://go.osu.edu/ccsondemand) (go.osu.edu/ccsondemand) are available. You can reach an on-call counselor when CCS is closed at 614- 292-5766. **24-hour emergency help** is available through the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org) (suicidepreventionlifeline.org) or by calling 1-800-273-8255(TALK). [The Ohio State Wellness app](https://go.osu.edu/wellnessapp) (go.osu.edu/wellnessapp) is also a great resource.

Healthcare is available for all students at the Wilce Student Health Center on campus and accepts many insurance plans; it is mostly free for those on OSU student health insurance. If you are ill, they can give you an absence excuse as well as treatment. Same-day weekday appointments are available. After hours and on weekends, there are OSU urgent care facilities near campus that accept insurance; see <https://shs.osu.edu/emergencies/after-hours-care/>.

Food security: Increasing numbers of students are finding themselves without adequate food. The Buckeye Food Alliance (<https://www.buckeyefoodalliance.org>, 614-285-4067) runs a free food pantry for OSU students in Lincoln Tower, Suite 150, that is open four days a week.

Sexual assault crisis services are available to people of all genders and orientations through the local SARNCO hotline (614-267-7020) and area hospitals. Ongoing support is available through Counseling and Consultation and Wilce Student Health. OSU Hospital, CCS, and SARNCO are confidential. You can also find support and ways to report sexual assault or harassment through the University's Title IX office (<http://titleix.osu.edu>), which does not guarantee confidentiality. Be aware that many other OSU academic and coaching staff are mandatory reporters (required to convey reports of assault to the University) and also cannot guarantee confidentiality. (To be clear, I absolutely will help you get assistance, but you have a right to be aware of OSU's reporting policies.) Choose the support system that is right for you. Being a victim/survivor of sexual assault is never your fault, and you have the right to compassionate help.

****Please contact me if you want to talk or need help finding assistance.****

Accessibility Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Requesting Accommodations

The university strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions, please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with [Student Life Disability Services \(SLDS\)](#). After registration, make

arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion.

Disability Services Contact Information

- Phone: [614-292-3307](tel:614-292-3307)
- Website: slds.osu.edu
- Email: slds@osu.edu
- In person: [Baker Hall 098, 113 W. 12th Avenue](#)

Accessibility of Course Technology

This online course requires use of CarmenCanvas (Ohio State's learning management system) and other online communication and multimedia tools. All lectures will include transcripts. If you need additional services to use these technologies, please request accommodations with your instructor.

- [CarmenCanvas accessibility \(go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility\)](http://go.osu.edu/canvas-accessibility)
- Streaming audio and video
- [CarmenZoom accessibility \(go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility\)](http://go.osu.edu/zoom-accessibility)
- Collaborative course tools

Course Schedule

Refer to CarmenCanvas for up-to-date due dates and for texts, links to films and assignments.

Week	Topic	Reading/Viewing	Assignments
1	In the Beginning: Creation and Intersections	Ehrlich, "Hebrew/Israelite Literature" Recommended: "The Hebrew Bible – Contents" Yee, "Introduction: Definitions, Explorations, and Intersections" from <i>The Hebrew Bible: Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives</i>	Lectures Discussion 1 Assignment 1 Quiz 1
2	Creating Humanity: origins of gender and racial difference?	Genesis 1-2 Hesiod, "Pandora" Babylonian Epic of Creation, "Enuma Elish"	Lectures Discussion 2 Assignment 2 Quiz 2

		Carol Meyers, from <i>Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context</i> "Guide to Visual Analysis"	
3	In the Garden / Out of the Garden	Genesis 2:25-4:26 Kugel, from <i>How to Read the Bible</i> <i>The Apocalypse of Moses</i>	Lectures Discussion 3 Assignment 3 Quiz 3
4	Mothers	Genesis 16:1-18:15, 21:1-21, 22:1-23:2 Ginzburg, "The Journey to Moriah" Ginzburg, "The Death and Burial of Sarah" Galatians 4:8-31 Sources on Ishmael and Hajar from Islamic religious texts (selections)	Lectures Discussion 4 Assignment 4 Quiz 4
5	Daughters	Judges 10:17-11:40 Georg Friedrich Handel, from <i>Jephtha</i>	Lectures Discussion 5 Assignment 5 Quiz 5
6	Fathers/Husbands	I Samuel 17:12-19:17; 25:2-44 II Samuel 3:1-16; 11:1-12:24; 13 Perry and Sternberg, "The King through Ironic Eyes" Joseph Heller, <i>God Knows</i>	Lectures Discussion 6 Assignment 6 Quiz 6
7	Gender and Sexuality in Biblical Law	Exodus 20:1-14; 21:7-11; 22:15-17 Numbers 5:11-31; 27:1-11; Numbers 36:1-12 Deuteronomy 21:10-17; 22:13-29; 24:1-5; 25:5-12 Matthews, "Honor and Shame in Gender-Related Legal Situations in the Hebrew Bible"	Lectures Discussion 7 Assignment 7 Quiz 7 **Project 1 Due
8	Slavery and the Hebrew Bible	Genesis 9 (Genesis 6-8 recommended) Goldenberg, from <i>The Curse of Ham</i>	Lectures Discussion 8 Assignment 8 Quiz 8
9	Dinah	Marbury, "Race, Class, and Ethnicity" Genesis 34:1-31 Joseph, "Is Dinah Raped Isn't the Right Question" Anita Diamant, <i>The Red Tent</i>	Lectures Discussion 9 Assignment 9 Quiz 9
10	The Concubine	Judges 19:1-21:25 Bach, "Rereading the Body Politic: Women and Violence in Judges 21"	Lectures Discussion 10 Assignment 10 Quiz 10

11	Powerful Women: Tamar, Deborah, Jael, Queen of Sheba	Genesis 38:1-30 Judges 4:1-5:31 I Kings 10	Lectures Discussion 11 Assignment 11 Quiz 11
12	Powerful Women: Delilah	Judges 13:1-16:31 Watch <i>Samson and Delilah</i> (Cecil B. DeMille, 1949, 131 minutes)	Lectures Discussion 12 Assignment 12 Quiz 12
13	Powerful Women: Jezebel	Passages from I and II Kings Pippin, "Jezebel Re-Vamped" Frymer Kensky, "Jezebel, or Deuteronomy's Worst Nightmare"	Lectures Discussion 13 Assignment 13 Quiz 13
14	The Shulammitte: Song of Songs on Race and Sexuality	Song of Songs 1-8	Lectures Discussion 14 Assignment 14 Quiz 14
15	Interpreters and Interpretations	Students choose narrative(s) and present their projects.	Lectures Discussion 15 Assignment 15 Quiz 15 ** Project 2 Due

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Supplementary materials for Race, Ethnicity, Gender Diversity Review

Naomi Brenner

Week	Discussion Topic (groups)	Assignment Topic (individual)
1	What is in the Hebrew Bible? What do we learn about the God of the Hebrew Bible through these excerpts?	Intersectionality in life; Intersectionality in ancient texts (providing and analyzing examples)
2	How have visual arts represented God, man, and woman? (gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality)	Analyze how ancient interpreters from Jewish and Christian traditions understand and construct gender in their readings of Genesis 1-2 (textual analysis)
3	Who is most culpable in the Garden of Eden? Reading the biblical text without later religious constructs of gender	Interrogate the concept of Original Sin as a religious concept that emerges in a particular historical context, by analyzing a series of visual representations of man, woman, and snake from different cultural traditions, considering how these images construct gender, sexuality, and race as interpretations of the biblical text. How might these images shape the beliefs of their viewers?
4	Identify gaps in the biblical narrative in Genesis, specifically relating to the relationships between Sarah, Hagar, Abraham; experiment with filling those gaps. Focus on gender, sexuality, class, and ethnicity in the cases of Sarah and Hagar.	Analyze a short children's cartoon about Hagar (Hajar) in the Islamic tradition. Compare representations of gender, sexuality, ethnicity. Reflect on children's media and their social and religious messages. Do cartoons shape lived experience?
5	How is Jephthah's daughter represented in the biblical text? Why doesn't she have a name? What model might she set for being a daughter?	Choose one of two sections from Handel's oratorio <i>Jephtha</i> to analyze, focusing on how the musical performance is different from the biblical text, how the

		concept of sacrifice is performed, and how gender and sexuality are constructed in European classical music.
6	What does the biblical text tell us about the women David marries? To what degree do their class and ethnic identities matter in the text?	Assess the kind of gap filling (legitimate/illegitimate) in the excerpt from Heller's <i>God Knows</i> . How might the fact that this novel was published in English in the United States in 1984 shape David's voice, perspectives, and power vis. the women in his life?
7	Discuss the logic behind the laws and punishments in the biblical legal code. Are they designed to protect victims? Punish them? Compare these laws with American legal system's approach to issues such as sexual relationships, virginity, rape.	Evaluate a series of 'case studies' drawn from biblical law, as a way of assessing the ways in which gender, sexuality, and class are enforced by this legal code. What do you think of biblical law, its strengths and weaknesses? What attitudes and beliefs motivate its system of punishment? What might it be like to live under this religious system of law?
8	How do these texts (excerpts from 18 th -19 th pro- and anti-slavery debates in the U.S.) use the Hebrew Bible? What narratives do they cite? Why?	Compare the language used to describe race and slavery in primary sources (excerpts) from the biblical legal code, U.S. slavery debates, and early 21 st century arguments against human trafficking. Reflect on lived experiences (personal narratives) that intersect with these perspectives.
9	Take part in a collaborative close reading the Dinah's narrative, focusing in particular on constructions of gender, sexuality, and ethnicity as they relate to Dinah, Dinah's brothers, and the men of Shechem.	How does the novel <i>The Red Tent</i> (1997, U.S) and the miniseries <i>The Red Tent</i> (2014, U.S.) rewrite the biblical narrative of Dinah? Who do you think is the intended audience? What do you think of

		these transformations of the biblical text? Focus specifically on representations of gender, sexuality, and ethnicity.
10	As a group, complete a comparison of a series of victims of violence and sexual violence in the Hebrew Bible and reflect on what this suggests about ancient Israelite society and the biblical text.	Explore "The Shiloh Project," a website dedicated to exploring rape culture, religion, and the Bible. Choose one recent article to discuss and analyze that describes the lived experiences of an individual or group.
11	What does it mean for a woman to have power in the Hebrew Bible? What are some of the differences (gender, sexuality, class, race, ethnicity) between women we might call victims and women we might call powerful?	Compare the different biblical narratives of women with and without power. In what ways might the experience of individuals in biblical narratives influence challenge how Israelite society constructed categories of gender and ethnicity?
12	What are the characteristics of Israelites in this narrative? What are the characteristics of Philistines? How do those characteristics as related by the text shape our understanding of this narrative?	How does deMille's film <i>Samson and Delilah</i> (1949) represent gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity? Do those representations fit what you know about ancient Israel? Do those representations fit what you know about 1940s American culture? If you were going to re-make the film for the 21 st century, who would you cast as the main characters and why?
13	Take part in a collaborative close reading of selections from I and II Kings about Jezebel. How does she become a villain in the text? Are her gender, ethnicity, race, or sexuality significant to the biblical narrative?	Choose two of the examples of the racialization of Jezebel from different time periods. Compare how and why Jezebel is transformed in terms of race, sexuality, and gender. How do they influence people's attitudes and lived experiences?

14	Compare and contrast different translations of excerpts from the Song of Songs. What changes in the different translations? Which of the translations do you think is better? Why?	Compare the Shulamite in the Song of Songs to other biblical figures we've examined this semester. How might our interpretation of this very different biblical text challenge categories of race, gender, and sexuality? How might this text impact individual or societal beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors?
15	Student projects	Student projects

GE Foundation Courses

Overview

Courses that are accepted into the General Education (GE) Foundations provide introductory or foundational coverage of the subject of that category. Additionally, each course must meet a set of Expected Learning Outcomes (ELO). Courses may be accepted into more than one Foundation, but ELOs for each Foundation must be met. It may be helpful to consult your Director of Undergraduate Studies or appropriate support staff person as you develop and submit your course.

This form contains sections outlining the ELOs of each Foundation category. You can navigate between them using the Bookmarks function in Acrobat. Please enter text in the boxes to describe how your class meets the ELOs of the Foundation(s) to which it applies. Because this document will be used in the course review and approval process, you should use language that is clear and concise and that colleagues outside of your discipline will be able to follow. Please be as specific as possible, listing concrete activities, specific theories, names of scholars, titles of textbooks etc. Your answers will be evaluated in conjunction with the syllabus submitted for the course.

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GE Rationale: Foundations: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity (3 credits)

Requesting a GE category for a course implies that the course fulfills **all** the expected learning outcomes (ELOs) of that GE category. To help the reviewing panel evaluate the appropriateness of your course for the Foundations: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity, please answer the following questions for each ELO.

A. Foundations

Please explain in 50-500 words why or how this course is introductory or foundational for the study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity.

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B. Specific Goals of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity

GOAL 1: Successful students will engage in a systematic assessment of how historically and socially constructed categories of race, ethnicity, and gender, and possibly others, shape perceptions, individual outcomes, and broader societal, political, economic, and cultural systems.

Expected Learning Outcome 1.1: Successful students are able to describe and evaluate the social positions and representations of categories including race, gender, and ethnicity, and possibly others. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Expected Learning Outcome 1.2: Successful students are able to explain how categories including race, gender, and ethnicity continue to function within complex systems of power to impact individual lived experiences and broader societal issues. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Course Subject & Number: _____

Expected Learning Outcome 1.3: Successful students are able to analyze how the intersection of categories including race, gender, and ethnicity combine to shape lived experiences. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Expected Learning Outcome 1.4: Successful students are able to evaluate social and ethical implications of studying race, gender, and ethnicity. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Course Subject & Number: _____

GOAL 2: Successful students will recognize and compare a range of lived experiences of race, gender, and ethnicity.

Expected Learning Outcome 2.1: Successful students are able to demonstrate critical self- reflection and critique of their social positions and identities. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

Expected Learning Outcome 2.2: Successful students are able to recognize how perceptions of difference shape one’s own attitudes, beliefs, or behaviors. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met. (50-700 words)

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Expected Learning Outcome 2.3: Successful students are able to describe how the categories of race, gender, and ethnicity influence the lived experiences of others. Please link this ELO to the course goals and topics and indicate *specific* activities/assignments through which it will be met.

GE Rationale: Foundations: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)

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A. Foundations

Please explain in 50-500 words why or how this course is introductory or foundational in the study of Social and Behavioral Sciences.