**ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

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**ELL 492 GENDER STUDIES COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**Office Hours:** Tues. 10:00-12:00

**Course Description:** This course offers a framework that will provide students with the opportunity to explore issues concerning the construction of gender and identity. They will also gain an insight into representation studies, and explore how gender is represented in painting, print media (literature, advertising), and visual media (tv, music video, and film).

**Assessment:**

Advertising assignment 20%

TV show assignment 20 %

Final Examination 20 %

Journals and participation 20%

Response 20 %

**Textbook:** A course photocopy packet will be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Students are also required to obtain their own copies of Ursula LeGuin’s *The Left Hand of Darkness*.

**Weekly Schedule**

Week 1 Studying Gender: An Introduction to Key Terms & Debates

Week 2 Creation stories and myth: “Mother Eve and Other Death-Dealers” “Woman and the Serpent” (Margaret Hallissy) “Adem’in Cennetten Kovulması” (Muazzez İlmiye Çığ)

Journal: Find various representations of “Mary”, “The Fall”, “Eve” “Lilith”, “Lamia”, and “Adam” in painting. Bring in the pictures to class and take notes in your journal.

Week 3 Studying Feminism: from *The Feminine Mystique* (Betty Friedan)

From *The Second Sex* (Simone De Beauvoir)

Week 4 Feminism Continued

From *A Room of One’s Own* (Virginia Woolf)

Journal: Find various representations of the “femme fatale”, “poisonous woman”, “devil”, “satan”, “vampire”, etc. Take notes in your journal.

Week 5 Representations of gender in media

“Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema” (Laura Mulvey)

Advertising and the gendered body

Journal: Bring in a magazine to class. Try to analyze the advertisements and the topics discussed in the magazines. Is the magazine targeting a general audience or does it specify its target gender: women’s or men’s magazine? Take notes in your journal.

Week 6 Analysis of “Women’s Magazines” and the representation of gender

Student assignment on advertising (2-3 ads for the same brand) (with presentation)

Week 7 Masculinity studies

“The Crisis in Masculinity” (David Morgan)

Analysis of “Men’s Magazines”

Week 8 “Biological Causation: Are Gender Differences Wired into Our Biology?” “Yes” “No” (ed. By Mary Roth Walsh)

Journal: Watch a movie from any genre: romantic comedy, horror, drama, etc. Analyze “the gaze” in the movie. Take notes in your journal.

Week 9 Hollywood Film & the representation of gender

Negotiated Feminism on Film: *Thelma and Louise*

Week 10 Case study: Women in Horror (Slasher) Films

Discussion of Carol J. Clover’s “The Final Girl”

*Halloween*

Week 11 HOLIDAY – NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN’S DAY

Journal: watch *Grease* and take notes in your journal about the representation of gender and sexuality in the film.

Week 12 Andrew Welsh, “On the Perils of Living Dangerously in the Slasher Horror Film: Gender Differences in the Association Between Sexual Activity and Survival”

Sarah Trencansky, “Final Girls and Terrible Youth: Transgression in 1980s Slasher Horror”

Week 13 “The Gendered Classroom” (Michael S. Kimmel)

Student assignment: presentations on TV Shows & the representation of gender and sexuality on media

Journal: Watch a contemporary horror film OR play a horror video game. Take notes in your journal about how gender and sexuality is constructed, and how this has changed (if it has changed) from the case study we discussed in class.

Week 14 An Introduction to Queer and LGBT Studies

“Thinking Straight, Acting Bent” (Chrys Ingraham)