

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Introduction to Theory

Course Number and Section

ENGLISH

2265F - 550

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Course Description:

This course will introduce you to a variety of theoretical fields that you can utilize to analyze literary and cultural texts, such as post-structuralism, feminism, Marxism, queer theory, crip, disability, and Mad studies, and post-colonial and Indigenous theory.

Learning Outcomes:

- Engage with a wide range of theoretical fields and challenge a monolithic understanding of different fields of study
- Recognize the intersections and conflicts between different theoretical fields
- Apply theoretical concepts to a literary or cultural text
- Practice articulating your close-reading and research of texts with peers and engaging in respectful dialogue about disparate interpretations
- Complete a formal MLA-style research paper, thus developing transferrable skills for project management and research capacities
- Develop your critical voice as a researcher and early scholar, who can meaningfully add to ongoing theoretical debates and conversations

Textbooks and Course Materials:

All course materials will be provided on OWL or through Western Library.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	10%
Theory Critique	09/27/2023	20%
In-Class Midterm	10/27/2023	25%
Reflection Exercise	11/17/2023	15%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final Research Essay	TBA	30%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.