

PHIL 3319: Feminist Philosophy (Hybrid)

Spring 2024

Tuesdays 2:00pm-3:15pm

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This is an upper-level course in philosophy and women's and gender studies that provides an introduction to the field of feminist philosophy through engagement with contemporary texts and topics in feminist philosophy—including what it means to be a feminist in our current time, how to understand and grapple with misogyny, and the role of anger in addressing intersecting forms of oppression. This is a hybrid course with required weekly in-person meetings AND asynchronous online components.

### **OUTCOMES**

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of central themes, questions, and arguments in contemporary feminist philosophy.
- Practice close reading and analysis of philosophical texts.
- Develop philosophical arguments in speaking and in writing.
- Connect and apply course material to contemporary issues.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

- *Living a Feminist Life*. Sara Ahmed. Duke University Press, 2017
- *Down Girl: The Logic of Misogyny*. Kate Manne. Oxford University Press, 2018
- *The Case for Rage*. Myisha Cherry. Oxford University Press, 2021

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

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| 1. Reading Journal Entries (10) | 20% of final grade (2% each)  |
| 2. Participation Logs (2)       | 20% of final grade (10% each) |
| 3. Papers (3)                   | 60% of final grade (20% each) |
| 4. Attendance                   |                               |