

**REPORT ON STUDENT EVALUATION  
OF THEORY AND METHOD (RELG702) GENDER AND RELIGION  
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The following report is based on student evaluation questionnaire data, administered to students registered for the module. A total of about 25 students were registered for this module, 18 (72%) of whom answered the questionnaire.<sup>1</sup>

In the questionnaire the students were presented with a number of open-ended questions. All student comments included in the report are quoted verbatim.

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## **GENERAL**

### **1. Whether the outline and objectives of the section were clear and detailed.**

- Yes x6
- Excellent
- Clear and to the point
- Yes, they were
- Clear x2
- Very clear x2
- Clear and detailed
- Good
- Yes, very!

### **2. The lecturer's preparedness for class (were teaching aids such as video, Power Point and other such audio-visual aids used beneficially)**

- Very well prepared
- Helpful power point
- Power point good
- Excellent x4
- Good liked lively examples and made the class quite interesting.
- Yes
- Good
- Prepared
- Not much course
- Well prepared and used power point effectively
- Lecturer was prepared and used powerpoint
- Well prepared and she went out of her way to give us the material before hand.
- Yes very well!

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<sup>1</sup> Low response rates reduce the reliability of the feedback. It is recommended that data be treated with caution when response rates are less than 50% for classes of 100 or more, less than 66% for classes 50-100, less than 75% for classes 20-50, and less than 80% for classes less than 20.

**3. The degree to which the lecturer encouraged your participation in class.**

- Was good
- Excellent x2
- Very well done
- This was highly encouraged.
- Participation was encouraged through small group discussions
- Moderate
- Excellent but sometimes one is reluctant to criticize woman theology in front of a woman.
- Very good x3
- Good x2
- Fully
- A lot everyone was actively engaged.
- Greatly

**4. The extent to which you would say that the assessment of your work in this section helped to develop your skills. Was the assessment manageable and appropriate?**

- Would have been nice to get it back before exam, to use as prep.
- Manageable and appropriate.
- Not bad
- Need more time to understand diff. theologies
- Quite a lot
- Appropriate and manageable.
- Not sure
- Appropriate
- Yes
- Excellent x2
- Not much
- The assessment challenged me to apply the theory to the case study, which was good.
- Yes this did analysing history, histerical text, and therefore present context with the understanding of these being constructed by dominant men was most insightful and helpful. Assessment was manageable.
- It was though it had to be done in conjunction to too many other works
- Helpful insight
- Related well to the case study
- Work manageable.

**5. The extent to which the readings were appropriate and well-organised.**

- Reading were appropriate
- Would have liked work by Islamic femisists
- Excellent x2
- Yes, they were
- Appropriate and very well organised
- Excellent. It gives me the desire to know more about gender.

- Appropriate
- Well organised
- Good x2
- Sufficient
- Perfect
- Appropriate and very well organised (in book form) ☺
- Well organised

**6. Strengths of this section.**

- Well thought out and taught
- Energetic lectures, clear and to the point
- Learn diff. fem theo
- Excellent
- Helps understand the gender aspects of reading the bible
- Good x3
- Very challenging.
- Moderate
- Introduced me to feminist pemeneumcs for interpreting the case study.

**7. Aspects of the section that you would like to see changed, and how you would like these changes made.**

- More time
- Good enough
- Relevant exercise with each of the fem. Theo would help.

**8. The links made between the case study and the theories and methods form this section of the course.**

- Clearly linked
- Good x3
- Could be better
- A lot especially on current issues e.g. gender sensitivity racial prejudice, stereotypes.
- Very good
- Clear connection
- Moderate
- These links were extensive and significant as we noticed the role of the (dominant) males in the study and how this precipitated the suffering of both female and male characters.
- Could have been better and deeper than just a mention.
- Very well done.

**9. Any other comments?**

- Well done
- Time not sufficient
- Need more time with faculty
- Very well done

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