

Portland State University Women's Studies

Interpersonal Violence- Special Population: CRN: 44652/WS 355- Battered Women in Prison

February 19 & 20, 2010

Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Objectives of the Course:

This course will examine the far-reaching impact of the justice system's treatment of women. We will hear from formerly incarcerated women, who will describe their lives in prison and upon release. We will also hear from various helping professionals and the programs that work well with the women offenders and how we can become active in this area.

- Examine special issues of women facing prison time.
- Explore the women's pathways to criminality & Gender entrapment
- Review programs now available to meet women's special needs.
- Listen to women's stories at first hand, who served in prison

Requirements for the Course:

1. 56 points – Take home exam: **True/False, fill in the blank/essay** Questions.
2. 4 points – Friday evening in Class Quiz
3. 10 points – **One full page typed (12 font) single spaced Reflection paper** on the entire Friday – Saturday class. A reflection is an opportunity for each student to give positive and/or negative feedback about the class content, presenters, materials, etc.
4. 30 points – Based on attendance. Attendance is important because of the intensive format. Sign in sheets will be available for the first 15 minutes on Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon session after lunch break. Student will **NOT** earn an A for this class if they **fail to sign in during each of the three afore mentioned times as well as papers turned in after the deadline**. Registered students w/No attendance records will get **F** for the course.

Additional Requirements:

Students must put their names in the upper right hand corner of each piece of paper handed in & papers should be assembled in the following order: **On top** – take home exam/essays & **Second/ Last** – Reflection Paper.

The exam questions will be distributed at the close of the Saturday class.
Exam/reflection paper is due before **Noon on Thursday, February 25, 2010** at the Women's Studies (NH 469) or mailed (post marked on **Wednesday, 24, 2010** to **Songcha Bowman, Multicultural Counseling Services, 8196 SW Hall Blvd. Ste. #211, Beaverton, OR 97008**.
******Using PSU WS fax # is strongly discouraged.**

All late exam/reflection paper received after this time will be deducted 10 points from exam and 5 points from reflection paper. Graded exam for this class will be available only by request with a stamped self-addressed envelope along with the papers.