



KIIS Paris 1, Summer 2020

ENG 399/ GWS 475 / HON 300 Topics: Feminist Perspectives in Expatriate Paris Culture

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Syllabus subject to change

Course Description:

This course examines Paris expatriate culture of the turn of the 19th century to the present day through a feminist lens. As we examine the work of Edith Wharton, Gertrude Stein, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and more, as well as the cultural impact of such feminist figures as Coco Chanel, Josephine Baker, Mata Hari and others, we will discuss several waves of expatriatism and the effect Paris had on these individuals. The course will shed light on how they interacted with and influenced one another while abroad and how the city affected their literary and cultural sensitivities.

Honors colloquia are interdisciplinary in nature, and emphasize student-directed learning.

Students participate in and lead discussion on various aspects of the broad topic, and select specific issues on which to base analytical writing projects.

KIIS Program Student Learning Outcomes:

KIIS Study Abroad Mission Statement:

KIIS creates and offers high-quality education abroad programs for students from diverse backgrounds that promote deep international learning, are integrated into the curriculum, and encourage critical and creative thinking. Our goal is to help transform students into global citizens who have personal and professional skills for lifelong enrichment. We strive to go beyond generalizing headlines and outdated cultural clichés to help foster a nuanced appreciation of the world in which we live.

Students participating in KIIS Study Abroad programs aim to:

- 1) Articulate the relationship between ideas, experiences, and place;
- 2) Develop tools to engage with diverse people in the local cultures; and,
- 3) Explore other peoples' values and clarify their own.

In the equivalent of one, single-spaced typed page, reflect on:

How has this experience made you think – or act – differently about the world around you?

Please consider the 3 SLOs discussed. Please don't consider course content in your response; instead, think beyond it, and be as specific as possible.

Course Objectives and Specific Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate:

- knowledge of several major periods, works, and genres in expatriate literature and culture;
- knowledge of feminist discourse and critical thinking skills;

- the ability to engage in authentic field experiences in collaboration with their peers.

Major Topics Covered in the Course:

Meeting #1:

Early "Expatriarchs": Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Mark Twain.
Place-as-Text Excursion Preparation.

Meeting #2:

The American New Woman in Paris: Edith Wharton; Quiz #1.

Meeting #3:

More New Women in Paris: Mata Hari, Isadora Duncan, Natalie Barney (Presentations).

Meeting #4:

Place-as-Text Excursion #1.

Meeting #5:

"Exmatriarchs" in the 1920s: Gertrude Stein, Sylvia Beach, Janet Flanner; Quiz #2.

Meeting #6:

The Lost Generation & their Paris Wives: Ernest Hemingway; Quiz #3.

Meeting #7:

Hemingway, Cont.; Quiz #4.

Meeting #8:

The Lost Generation & their Paris Wives: F. Scott Fitzgerald; Quiz #5.

Meeting #9:

"The Other Americans": Josephine Baker & Black Female Artists in Paris.

Meeting #10:

Recent Women Expats: Elaine Sciolino; Quiz #6.

Meeting #11:

Place-as-Text Excursion #2.

Meeting #12:

Recent Women Expats: Elaine Sciolino, Cont.; Quiz #7.

Meeting #13:

Final Examination.

Required Readings and Materials:

Students are expected to read Edith Wharton's short story "Madame de Treymes" and Elaine Sciolino's *The Only Street in Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs* **in full before** arrival in Paris.

- Edith Wharton. "Madame de Treymes" (pdf)

- Ernest Hemingway. "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," *A Moveable Feast* (excerpts) (pdfs)
- F. Scott Fitzgerald. "The Swimmers," "Babylon Revisited" (pdfs)
- Elaine Sciolino, *The Only Street in Paris: Life on the Rue des Martyrs* (ISBN 978-0393353402), to be purchased.

Graded Assignments:

- Oral Participation; Active Participation in Mandatory Excursions: 10%
- Place-as-Text Excursion: 30%
- Presentation: 10%
- Reading Quizzes (6 x 5%; eliminate lowest grade): 30%
- Final Examination: 20%

Attendance Policy:

KIIS program participants are expected to be punctual to and in attendance at all classes, presentations, meetings and required excursions, and to remain with the program for the full academic period. Unexcused absences from classes and/or mandatory meetings will result in a lowering of the student's final grade, as will excessive tardiness. Multiple unexcused absences could result in expulsion from the program. Any absence from an academic class session must be excused for medical reasons.

Disability Accommodation:

KIIS will make every reasonable effort to provide accommodations for program participants with special needs or disabilities, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Be aware that many foreign countries do not have comprehensive legislation comparable to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a result, businesses and other establishments operating in foreign countries may not be able to provide accommodations.

If you have a disability accommodation need, we recommend you contact your KIIS Campus Representative, <https://www.kiis.org/about-kiis/contact-us/campus-representatives/> early in your program selection process so that s/he has time to discuss any specific needs, including which KIIS programs may be best suited. You also are welcome to contact KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, haley.mctaggart@wku.edu, to discuss your disability accommodation needs (e.g. housing, transportation, excursions, class schedule, etc.).

Immediately after acceptance, notify KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, haley.mctaggart@wku.edu, if you have a special need or disability that might require any form of accommodation abroad. Failure to notify KIIS may prevent you from participating on your KIIS program. If you require any accommodations abroad, you must provide KIIS Office Manager, Haley McTaggart, an accommodation letter from your home campus' disability accommodation office that lists the accommodations you are eligible to receive. Please do not request accommodations directly from your KIIS Program Director or other KIIS Faculty; the KIIS Office will contact your KIIS Program Director and/or Faculty after we have received your above accommodation letter. In some cases, you may need to make arrangements for a caregiver to join you on your KIIS program, should your physician, campus disability accommodation office, or KIIS make such a recommendation or require it.

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For more information on KIIS Title IX, see <https://www.kiis.org/students/health-safety/title-ix-clery/>; additional Title IX resources can be found here <https://www.wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/titleixbrochure.pdf>.

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