

## FemSex Class Contract

Because this is a class where consistent participation is imperative to personal and collective growth, we the facilitators ask that you read the following contract, make additions to it, and sign and date the final version. We have covered all of these during our info-session, so nothing should be new or alarming to you.

**MUTUAL TRUST AND RESPECT:** I will treat people the way they want to be treated; that is, I won't interrupt, partake in cross-talking, or belittle one's opinion. I understand that it is hard for many people to talk in front of a group, especially about personal issues, so I will do my part to make the environment a safe, comfortable space.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** The personal stories and experiences shared in my class stay in the classroom, and I may not link faces and/or names with anything I share with people outside of class. I understand that I am encouraged to share the information I learn, but gossip is prohibited. If someone speaks about something personal that I would like to know more about, I must ask for their permission to inquire further and respect their right to say, "no."

**ABSENCES:** I am allowed to have a total of 2 absences. If I exceed this amount, I will definitely receive an "NP" (Not Pass) for this class and/or be asked to leave. No exceptions. Absences due to religious holidays or University excused absences –such as theatre or sports – will be excused. However, absences due to doctor's appointments, airport shuttling, office hours, etc., are absences. I may do whatever I want with my allowed absences. If I exceed the 2 allowed absences and have a valid excuse, I must take this matter up with my facilitators and receive approval from the faculty sponsor.

**ASSIGNMENTS AND JOURNALS:** I am allowed to miss 2 assignments and 2 journal entries. Any missing assignments and/or journal entries beyond this will result in failure of the course. I understand that I must turn assignments in on time, and if I will be missing class, I must make arrangements with my facilitators to turn in assignments early, and not late. If I miss a class period it is also my responsibility to contact either the facilitators or a classmate to determine what assignments were given while I was absent. I understand that my facilitators are not employed as full-time instructors and may not be able to accept late assignments.

**MANDATORY ASSIGNMENTS:** I understand that I must complete both a midterm and final project in order to receive a "P" (Pass) for this class. I may choose to write a paper instead of presenting a project. If I choose to write a midterm or a final paper, it must be 7-10 pages in length, and must have three outside sources (i.e. other than the reader) cited within the paper, and contain a bibliography. I understand that plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. If I have any questions about how to prepare a project or a paper, I can speak with my facilitators. If I do not present a midterm and a final project or turn in a midterm or a final paper, I will receive an "NP" (Not Pass) for this course. No late projects or papers will be accepted.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** I understand that it is my responsibility to keep track of my absences, missed assignments, and missed journal entries. I can check periodically with my facilitators so that there are no discrepancies.

**"HOOK-UPS":** I agree that I will not engage in an act of "hooking-up" with a classmate or facilitator during the semester, as per the definition discussed during class. This includes any disclosure of the desire to hook-up to a classmate or a facilitator. I understand that this act could negatively affect the space within the classroom and I understand that this act could also negatively affect the entire reputation of the FemSex Program.

I know this rule is instituted to keep the FemSex space open, honest and safe. I understand that if I hook up with another person in the classroom, that **I could receive a "NP" for this class or be asked to leave the class for the remainder of the semester.** However, I also understand that if I am feeling unsafe about a sexual encounter with a classmate, I should definitely discuss this in a private conversation with my facilitator.

Please understand that this contract is instated as a preventative measure so that there are no surprises about expectations.. As part of our responsibility to you – our classmates – facilitators will do our best to ensure a comfortable environment where everyone's thoughts and opinions can be expressed. Periodically we will ask you to give constructive criticism on this class. We take this seriously and use your suggestions to improve the course's content and our facilitation methods. Finally, we realize that some of the materials will bring up a lot of questions or personal concerns. If at any time you have any further questions, or need help finding resources, please contact us.