



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

NHIR 424: GENDER AND THE STATE

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

MAY/JUNE 2026

LECTURER: DR FP MARAIRE

DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

You are required to answer questions as instructed in each question

All questions carry equal marks

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet

Answer Compulsory question Section A

Answer any Two (2) questions from Section B

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

Write legibly

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question 1

Discuss how the traditional 'Public vs. Private' divide in political thought has historically marginalized women's experiences. **[40 marks]**

SECTION B

Question 2

Analyse the role of women as 'biological reproducers of the nation.' **[30 marks]**

Question 3

'Sexual violence in conflict is not an accidental byproduct of war but a strategic tool of statecraft.' Discuss this statement with reference to state complicity and the limits of international justice. **[30 marks]**

Question 4

Critically examine the effects of the 'Protector/Protected' binary as a model of defining citizenship. **[30 marks]**

Question 5

With specific reference to the Global South, compare and contrast Liberal and Post-colonial feminist critiques of the state. **[30 marks]**