

**STUDY-A-BROAD**

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

A generic college classroom. Students are seated at desks, facing PROFESSOR, an older white man, who is sorting papers on his desk. There is an empty stool in the center of the classroom.

A student, OLIVER, in his senior year, enters the classroom hurriedly. He is wearing a Hawaiian shirt and sunglasses and pulls a suitcase behind him. He sits next to another student.

STUDENT  
(to Oliver)  
Weird outfit, man.

Oliver shrugs.

Professor stands up to address the class. He begins handing each student a paper.

PROFESSOR  
Welcome to Women's Studies 412,  
Study-A-Broad.

OLIVER  
Wooo! Study abroad!

PROFESSOR  
I like your enthusiasm. I remember  
when I used to be excited about  
things...

OLIVER  
Oh, I'm just stoked to go to  
Ireland.

PROFESSOR  
What?

OLIVER  
Study abroad? This semester was  
Shannon, Ireland. We like, go on a  
boat or something and party with  
the Irish.

PROFESSOR  
Oh, no. This is "study-a-broad."  
You know? Broad?  
(gestures at his chest as  
if he had boobs)  
(MORE)

PROFESSOR (CONT'D)

This semester we will be learning  
all about Shannon.

OLIVER

Ireland?

PROFESSOR

Surname.

(directed at a closet)

Shannon! You can come out here now!

SHANNON, late 20s, typical model-type appearance, sashays  
over to the stool in the center of the classroom where she  
sits, indifferent to everyone else.

PROFESSOR (CONT'D)

Let's go over the syllabus, shall  
we?

(picks up a paper of his  
own as the students read  
the papers he has handed  
them)

Throughout the semester we will be  
covering topics like: Why is she  
crying? Should you tell her if  
those jeans make her butt look fat?  
And, how does she walk in those  
obnoxiously tall shoes?

The only female student in the class stands up.

FEMALE STUDENT

Professor, this seems a bit  
offensive. Women are more than just  
their appearances and-

Professor doesn't even look up but cuts her off with a "talk  
to the hand" gesture. She sits back down.

OLIVER

Professor, I have a question.

PROFESSOR

(looks up)

Yes?

OLIVER

Is this an easy course? I was kinda  
hoping to coast through my last  
semester...

PROFESSOR

This is not an easy course. In fact, seventy-five percent of my students fail the final each year. It's a miracle I haven't been fired.

OLIVER

What's the final?

PROFESSOR

The final will be a one paragraph written response to the following prompt: What does it *really* mean when a woman says "I'm fine?"

The whole class panics. Yelling things like:

STUDENT

How am I going to prepare for that, Professor?!!

STUDENT 2

My GPA is ruined!

STUDENT 3

I don't even understand my own mother!!

PROFESSOR

Relax. We will be using Shannon here as a case study for the whole semester.

FEMALE STUDENT

Don't you think it's a bit inaccurate to write an essay about all women based on one?

PROFESSOR

Please don't question my curriculum.

OLIVER

I have another question!

PROFESSOR

Yes?

OLIVER

Is it too late to transfer?

PROFESSOR

No.

Immediately all of the students start packing up and leave.

PROFESSOR (CONT'D)

If you're looking for an easy A, go  
to gender studies. They don't have  
any respect nowadays for the true  
meaning of a broad.

(sighs, then turns to the  
only person left in the  
room, Shannon)

So, Shannon. How are you?

SHANNON

I'm fine.

Professor accepts this answer, then remembers that Shannon is  
a woman and he does not know what this really means. Looks at  
the camera in fear.

FADE TO BLACK.

**THE END**