

Sociology (SOCL) 303 – Lecture 01
Sociology of Gender Relations
Fall 2012
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 0900 – 0950

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Additional Information:

Course materials, grades, and a discussion board will be available on Blackboard. Go to: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to social scientific approaches to questions around human sex and gender. We will examine how these dimensions of individual and social life are constructed and lived across a variety of settings. Our focus will be primarily Canadian/North American but with a sensitivity to larger global connections and contexts.

Objectives of the Course:

Students should come out of the course with:

- an understanding of the differences between sex and gender;
- an understanding of “the cultural gender equation” – the ways in which sex and gender are understood to inform and construct each other – and alternative critical perspectives on this “equation”;
- an understanding of some of the political dimensions of gender;
- an understanding of how gender plays out in work, education, media, families and relationships;
- knowledge of various sociological and Feminist perspectives on gender;
- an appreciation of the diversity of perspectives and experiences of the members of this class. Gender is a dimension at the very heart of one’s sense of self. This can make it a very challenging, although highly rewarding, topic to critically analyze. It is imperative that we treat each other with respect, responding in a scholarly manner to ideas and arguments.

Computer and Internet Use:

Computers/tablets are to be used for note-taking only. All other devices should be turned off and put away. Please bear in mind that using your computer/tablet/phone to surf the net, shop, email, check Facebook, update your tweets, etc. is very distracting to your classmates. It is also a waste of your tuition fees for this course.

Textbook:

Kimmel, Michael S. and Jacqueline Holler. 2011. *The Gendered Society: Canadian Edition*. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

Course Requirements and Grading:

Midterm Exam #1:	30%
-Friday, October 5, 2012	
-Duration: 50 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 1, 2, & 4	
Midterm Exam #2:	30%
-Monday, November 5, 2012	
-Duration: 50 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 3, 5, 6, & 10	
Registrar-scheduled Final Exam	40%
-Date to be announced by the registrar's office	
-Duration: 120 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 9, 7, 8, 11, 12, and Epilogue	

ABOUT THE MIDTERM EXAMS AND FINAL EXAM:

The exams will have multiple-choice, true/false and short answer questions. You will have the complete class period for the midterm exams and two hours for the final exam. No books, notes or computers/electronic devices are permissible. Be sure to bring both a pencil (with eraser) and a pen to the exam. The exams will cover the textbook materials listed above as well as lectures, class discussions and films. The final exam is not cumulative.

The written component of the midterm exams will be returned in class. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve their work from a public place (i.e. outside an instructor's office, the department office etc.) If you are absent the day something is returned, you should retrieve it from the professor during office hours. Final exams will not be returned to students.

Final grades are not posted publicly. They are available only online.

*****Please bring picture ID to the final exam***

***** All course components must be completed for a passing grade to be attainable***

Grading System

The following grading system will be used:

	Grading Scale
A+	95-100
A	90-94.99
A -	85-89.99
B+	80-84.99
B	75-79.99
B-	70-74.99
C+	67-69.99
C	63-66.99
C-	59-62.99
D+	54-58.99
D	50-53.99
F	0-49.99

Deferrals:

If at all possible, you must provide advance notice to the professor if you are unable to take an exam. All requests for deferral of a course component due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar and should be obtained while the student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

If you have missed an exam for a legitimate reason, the professor will require you to write a “make up” test as close in time to the original test as possible. If the professor schedules a “make up” test for you, its date and location will be at the convenience of the Department of Sociology.

Deferred Final Exam Form:

Please note that requests to defer a Registrar-scheduled final exam go through Enrolment Services and must be processed by the deadlines that are established in the U of C calendar. You can find the forms you need as well as information on appropriate supporting documentation online:

http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/forms_students

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, phone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. **It is a student’s responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.**

Academic Misconduct:

Plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct are regarded as serious academic offences. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

"SAFEWALK" Program: 220-5333

Campus security will escort individuals day or night – call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

Emergency evacuations:

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point at the ICT Food Court. Secondary assembly point (if the first is inaccessible) is the Social Sciences Food Court.

Students' Union:

Students' Union contacts can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/contact>

Student Representation

There are now four Arts reps because of the amalgamation, with the email addresses being arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@su.ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library

- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Schedule of Topics and Readings

The following are the dates *by which* indicated readings should be completed. We might spend a slightly longer or shorter time on a topic, depending on the duration and content of class discussions. The reading schedule, however, should be adhered to.

<i>Week One:</i>	<i>Introductions</i>	
Monday, September 10		
Wednesday, September 12		
Friday, September 14		
<i>Week Two:</i>	<i>Gender Across Cultures</i>	
Monday, September 17		Chapter 1
Wednesday, September 19		
Friday, September 21		
<i>Week Three:</i>	<i>Cultural Gender Equation</i>	
Monday, September 24		Chapter 2
Wednesday, September 26		
Friday, September 28		
<i>Week Four:</i>	<i>Cultural Gender Equation</i>	
Monday, October 1		Chapter 4
Wednesday, October 3		
<i>Friday, October 5</i>		<i>Midterm Exam #1</i>
<i>Week Five:</i>	<i>Theorizing Gender</i>	
<i>Monday, October 8</i>		<i>Thanksgiving – No Class</i>
Wednesday, October 10		Chapter 3
Friday, October 12		
<i>Week Six:</i>	<i>Theorizing Gender</i>	
Monday, October 15		Chapter 5
Wednesday, October 17		
Friday, October 19		

<i>Week Seven:</i> Monday, October 22 Wednesday, October 24 Friday, October 26	<i>Gender and Family</i>	Chapter 6
<i>Week Eight:</i> Monday, October 29 Wednesday, October 31 Friday, November 2	<i>Gendered Intimacies</i>	Chapter 10
<i>Week Nine:</i> Monday, November 5 Wednesday, November 7 Friday, November 9	<i>Gendered Media</i>	<i>Midterm Exam #2</i>
<i>Week Ten:</i> Monday, November 12 Wednesday, November 14 Friday, November 16	<i>Gendered Media</i>	<i>Reading Day - No Class</i> Chapter 9
<i>Week Eleven:</i> Monday, November 19 Wednesday, November 21 Friday, November 23	<i>Gendered Education and Employment</i>	Chapter 7 Chapter 8
<i>Week Twelve:</i> Monday, November 26 Wednesday, November 28 Friday, November 30	<i>Gendered Bodies</i>	Chapter 11
<i>Week Thirteen:</i> Monday, December 3 Wednesday, December 5 Friday, December 7	<i>Gender and Violence</i>	Chapter 12 Epilogue