

Sociology (SOCI) 303 – Lecture 01
Sociology of Gender Relations
Fall 2013

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1000 – 1050

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Pease Note: The main Sociology Department office does not deal with any course-related matters. Please speak directly to your instructor.

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 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, tweet, 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 11, 2013	
-Duration: 50 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 1, 2, 4 & 11	
Midterm Exam #2:	30%
-Friday, November 8, 2013	
-Duration: 50 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8	
Registrar-scheduled Final Exam	40%
-Date to be announced by the registrar's office	
-Duration: 120 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 10, 9, 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 in the sense that earlier chapters and lectures will not be explicitly tested, but there will be the expectation that those earlier materials provide a foundation for your later work.

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 an exam is returned, you should retrieve it from the T.A. during her office hours. Final exams will not be returned to students.

Grade Reappraisal: No less than 24 hours, but within two weeks of the exam being returned, students seeking reappraisal of examinations or assignments must submit a written response to the instructor explaining the basis for reconsideration of one's mark. The instructor will reconsider the grade assigned and will then book a time with the student to discuss his or her work and rationale. It should be noted that a reconsidered mark may be raised, lowered, or remain the same

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 are dealt with through the Registrar’s Office. Further information about deadlines, and where paperwork should be taken, can be found at: http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, must register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 293, phone 403-220-8237). Please provide academic accommodation letters to the instructor as early in the semester as possible and no later than two weeks after the course begins.

Academic Misconduct:

Academic Misconduct: Please refer to the website listed below for information on University of Calgary policies on Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

"SAFEWALK" Program: 220-5333

The University of Calgary provides a “safe walk” service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the “Help” phones located around Campus.

Emergency evacuations:

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom, please proceed to the assembly point at Professional Faculties food court. The secondary assembly point (if the first is inaccessible) is the Education Block food court. You can check the assembly point locations for your other classes at:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

Student Representation: The 2013-14 Students’ Union VP Academic is Emily Macphail; email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca. The Faculty of Arts has four SU representatives who may be contacted at any of the following email addresses: arts1@ucalgary.ca, arts2@ucalgary.ca, arts3@ucalgary.ca, and arts4@ucalgary.ca. You may also wish to contact the Student Ombudsperson for help with a variety of University-related matters: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds/role>

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 403-220-3580 or email 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 9		
Wednesday, September 11		
Friday, September 13		
<i>Week Two:</i>	<i>Gender Across Cultures</i>	
Monday, September 16		Chapter 1
Wednesday, September 18		
Friday, September 20		
<i>Week Three:</i>	<i>Cultural Gender Equation</i>	
Monday, September 23		Chapter 2
Wednesday, September 25		
Friday, September 27		
<i>Week Four:</i>	<i>Cultural Gender Equation</i>	
Monday, September 30		Chapter 4
Wednesday, October 2		
Friday, October 4		
<i>Week Five:</i>	<i>Cultural Gender Equation, Bodies etc.</i>	
Monday, October 7		Chapter 11
Wednesday, October 9		
Friday, October 11		<i>Midterm Exam #1</i>
<i>Week Six:</i>	<i>Theorizing Gender</i>	
Monday, October 14		<i>Thanksgiving – No Class</i>
Wednesday, October 16		Chapter 3
Friday, October 18		
<i>Week Seven:</i>	<i>Theorizing Gender</i>	
Monday, October 21		Chapter 5
Wednesday, October 23		
Friday, October 25		
<i>Week Eight:</i>	<i>Work, Education, Family</i>	
Monday, October 28		Chapters 6 & 7
Wednesday, October 30		
Friday, November 1		

<i>Week Nine:</i>	<i>Work, Education, Family</i>	
Monday, November 4		Chapter 8
Wednesday, November 6		
Friday, November 8		<i>Midterm Exam #2</i>
<i>Week Ten:</i>	<i>Gender and Intimacy</i>	
Monday, November 11		<i>Reading Day - No Class</i>
Wednesday, November 13		Chapter 10
Friday, November 15		
<i>Week Eleven:</i>	<i>Gender and Media</i>	
Monday, November 18		Chapter 9
Wednesday, November 20		
Friday, November 22		
<i>Week Twelve:</i>	<i>Gender and Media</i>	
Monday, November 25		
Wednesday, November 27		
Friday, November 29		
<i>Week Thirteen:</i>	<i>Gender and Violence</i>	
Monday, December 2		Chapter 12
Wednesday, December 4		
Friday, December 6		Epilogue