

Sociology (SOCL) 303 – Lecture 01
Sociology of Gender Relations
Fall 2017

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

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

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.

Email Policy:

I generally do not answer emails over the weekend or after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. If you have a course-related question, please check the course outline first. Also, please e-mail me for administrative purposes only, for example to set up an appointment. Please do not use e-mail as a replacement for an office visit, if there is something you want to discuss. Questions about the course content, readings and assignments, or any other personal/academic issues, should be dealt with in person during my office hours (or by appointment).

Required Textbook:

Kimmel, Michael S. and Jacqueline Holler. 2017. *The Gendered Society: Second Canadian Edition*. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

Course Requirements and Grading:

Midterm Exam #1:	30%
-Tuesday, October 17, 2017	
-Duration: 75 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 1, 2, 4, 11 & 12	
Midterm Exam #2:	30%
-Thursday, November 16, 2017	
-Duration: 75 minutes	
-Relevant chapters: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10	
Registrar-scheduled Final Exam	40%
-Date to be announced by the registrar's office	
-Duration: 120 minutes	
-Cumulative, with particular emphasis on chapters: 9, 13 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 cumulative in the sense that there will be the expectation that earlier chapters and lectures provide an analytical foundation for your later work. Although all of the exams will be asking for your critical integration and analysis of the material, this will be a particular focus of the final exam, which will have a larger written component than the midterm exams.

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 professor during her office hours. Final exams will not be returned to students. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

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

*****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: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-forms>

Academic Accommodation:

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

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-5.html>

"SAFEWALK" Program:

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. You can check the assembly point locations for your other classes at:

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

Student Representation:

The 2017-18 Students’ Union VP Academic is Tina Miller (suvpaca@ucalgary.ca).

For more information, and to contact other elected officials with the Student's Union, please visit this link: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/>

You may also wish to contact the Student Ombudsperson for help with a variety of University-related matters: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact>

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> Tuesday, September 12 Thursday, September 14	<i>Introductions</i>	
<i>Week Two:</i> Tuesday, September 19 Thursday, September 21	<i>Gender Across Cultures</i>	Chapter 1
<i>Week Three:</i> Tuesday, September 26 Thursday, September 28	<i>Gender Across Cultures & Cultural Gender Equation</i>	Chapter 4
<i>Week Four:</i> Tuesday, October 3 Thursday, October 5	<i>Cultural Gender Equation</i>	Chapter 2
<i>Week Five:</i> Tuesday, October 10 Thursday, October 12	<i>Gender, Bodies, Sexuality</i>	Chapters 11 & 12
<i>Week Six:</i> <i>Tuesday, October 17</i> Thursday, October 19	<i>Midterm Exam #1 & Theorizing Gender</i>	<i>Midterm Exam #1</i> Chapter 3
<i>Week Seven:</i> Tuesday, October 24 Thursday, October 26	<i>Theorizing Gender</i>	Chapter 5
<i>Week Eight:</i> Tuesday, October 31 Thursday, November 2	<i>Work, Education, Family</i>	Chapters 6 & 10
<i>Week Nine:</i> Tuesday, November 7	<i>Work, Education, Family</i>	Chapter 7

Thursday, November 9

Week Ten:

Tuesday, November 14

Thursday, November 16

Work, Education, Family & Midterm Exam #2

Chapter 8

Midterm Exam #2

Week Eleven:

Tuesday, November 21

Thursday, November 23

Gender and Media

Chapter 9

Week Twelve:

Tuesday, November 28

Thursday, November 30

Gender and Media

Week Thirteen:

Tuesday, December 5

Thursday, December 6

Gender and Violence

Chapter 13

Epilogue