



The University of Western Ontario

Sociology 2242A: Gender and Society

UWO, Section 001

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Class Session:

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m., SSC 2020

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Course Description:

This course critically examines the ways gender informs the social world in which we live. This course exposes the "common-sense" world of gender around us; considers how we develop our gendered identities; explores the workings of the institutions that shape our gendered lives; and leads to an understanding of the relationship between gender and the social structure.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology 1020, 1021E, 1025A/B, 1026F/G, 1027A/B.

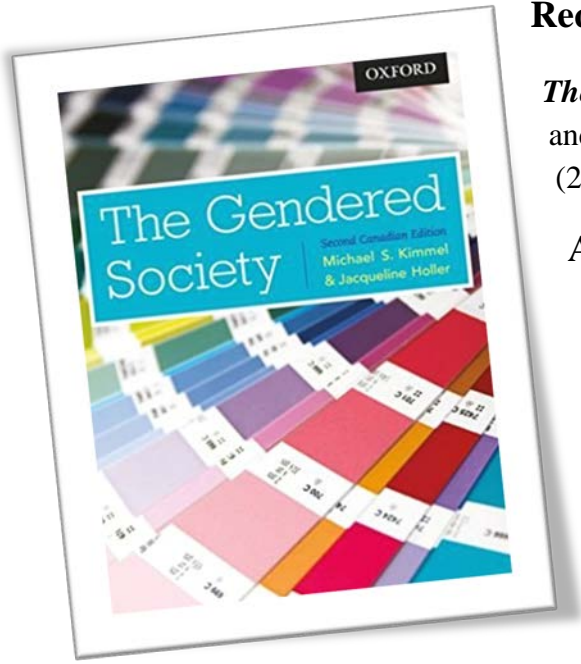
Antirequisite(s): Sociology 2282F/G or the former Sociology 2241E.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Learning Outcomes:

When students have successfully completed this course, they should be able to:

- ✓ To develop an understanding of gender as something that is socially constructed.
- ✓ To examine how gender relations are fundamentally relations of inequality.
- ✓ To draw attention to how gender inequality remains structurally embedded in a systemic patriarchy.
- ✓ To explore how gender inequality intersects with other bases of inequality such as: race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, disability, age, etc.
- ✓ To describe how gendered inequalities as social exclusions are differently expressed across different institutional domains.



Required Text(s):

The Gendered Society, 2nd Canadian Edition by Michael S. Kimmel and Jacqueline Holler, Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press (2017).

Also there will be readings posted on the OWL course site.

Evaluation:

<i>Critical Reflection</i>	<i>26% due on November 23rd (please see the OWL site for the course for details)</i>
<i>Mid-Term Exam</i>	<i>37% October 26th</i>
<i>Final Exam</i>	<i>37% per UWO exam schedule</i>

Exams:

The exams for this class will be a combination of multiple choice (70% of the exam grade) and essay (30% of the exam grade). Computer-marked multiple choice exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. No electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

Mid-term Exam (37%)

A mid-term exam, based on the first half of the course material, is scheduled for after the completion of the first half of the course.

Final Exam (37%)

The final exam will be scheduled during the examination period. The final exam is NOT CUMULATIVE focusing primarily on the material covered in the second half of the course; however, some questions may relate to earlier material (i.e. concepts that are re-examined in the second half of the course).

How to Contact Me:

Please feel free to speak to me after class or during class breaks. If you are not in class, the best way to contact me is to email me or stop by during my office hours.

How to get important information:

Please check the announcements for the course and check the OWL site for the course regularly.

Important Policies

A Note on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:

Laptops are permitted in class at the discretion of the professor for note taking or any other purpose approved by the professor. If, however, they are used for personal purposes during class time (Facebook, e-mail, web surfing, gaming, etc.) the privilege of using laptops may be withdrawn. Using laptops is a privilege, not a right.

Cellphones, Blackberries, and similar devices, must be turned *OFF* (not just vibrate) during classes unless specific permission is sought for emergency purposes in a given class. Text messaging and Twittering are not permitted during class.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/academic_consideration.html

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website: www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Mental Health

Students who are in **emotional/mental distress** should refer to Mental Health@Western

(http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html) for a complete list of options how to obtain help.

General Course Outline

PLEASE NOTE: Additional readings will be posted on the OWL site for the course.

Sept 14 Introduction

READING: No assigned readings

Sept 21 Ordained by Nature: Biology Constructs the Sexes

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Chs. 1 and 2:1-49

Sept 28 Psychoanalytic and Developmental Perspectives on Gender

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 3:50-71

Oct 5 Spanning the World: Culture Constructs Gender Differences

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 4:72-97

Oct 12 The Social Construction of Gender: Sociological & Feminist Perspectives

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 5:98-136

Oct 19 The Gendered Family: Gender at the Heart of the Home

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 6:138-180

Oct 26 Mid-Term Exam

Nov 2 Fall Reading Week

Nov 9 The Gendered Classroom: Formal Education and the Hidden Curriculum

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 7:181-209

Nov 16 Separate and Unequal: The Gendered World of Work

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 8:210-238

Nov 23 The Gendered Media: Difference & Domination, Glamourized & Contested

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 9:239-268

Nov 30 Gendered Intimacies and Desires

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 10:270-288 and Ch. 12:315-346

Dec 7 The Gendered Body and The Gender of Violence

READING: Kimmel and Holler, Ch. 11:288-314, Ch. 13 and Epilogue:347-388

Dec 10-21 Final Examination Period