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Sociology of Women

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Class Times: Monday to Thursday 11.00-1.30

Thunder Bay Class Meets: AT 5041

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9.30-10.30

Course Description: Sociology of Women is an analysis of the social, economic and political status of women in North American society and in a global context. Throughout the course we will examine: the social construction of knowledge, theoretical formulations, women, power, politics, social movements, gender as a social construction, gender, culture and the media, gender work and the economy, gender and families, women, health, and reproduction, gender, crime, and deviance, women criminals, and gender, education, and science.

Text: Andersen, Margaret. 2015. *Thinking About Women Sociological Perspectives on Sex and Gender*.

Course Requirements:

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| Midterm Examination #1 | 20% July 20, 2015 |
| Midterm Examination #2 | 20% Aug. 5, 2015 |
| Research Project | 30% July 30, 2015 |
| Presentations | 10% August 6 to 13, 2015 |
| Final Take Home Examination | 10% Aug. 14, 2015 |
| Participation | 10% Mark will be calculated throughout the course. |

Late research projects and presentation discussions will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day.

If you are unable to complete the course work or attend an examination at the scheduled time, you must submit a note from a counselor or medical doctor. Please refer to [Lakehead University Calendar](#).

Examinations: Examinations will cover the material presented in lectures, group discussions, films, the texts, class presentations, and anything else covered during the semester. There are two in-class midterm examinations and a take home final examination.

Participation: The participation mark will be based on your contribution to class group discussions.

Research Project and Presentation: Your group will select a particular era or decade to conduct research on women during that time (the only era you cannot choose is World War 11). The purpose of this project is to examine the social, economic, political, cultural, and domestic relations that impacted on women in the era/decade you have chosen. For example, you may choose to look at the Victorian era. There are a variety of areas you could choose to examine: how the economic situation impacted on domestic labour/women's paid labour, what were clothing styles and what dictated clothing styles, what sports did women play and what facilitated or hindered women's involvement in sports, political reforms, etc. During this era the British Empire was ruled by a woman, looking at the larger social picture in what ways did the reign of Queen Victoria impact on women? Each group member will choose one aspect to examine and must frame their discussion in terms of the larger social world.

Each group member will determine what facet of the era/decade they would like to research and will be graded on their contribution. When you hand in your project, you will include a copy of all your research. If you have read books or watched films you will include reviews of the books or films. Journal articles, newspaper articles, magazine articles, internet sources, etc. are to have a very brief notation on them indicating their validity for inclusion in your presentation. All the research is to be directed at the area you have chosen to examine. You are to use a variety of sources: academic journals and texts, internet sources, the popular media, videos, diaries, etc. The research will be used to formulate your presentation. You are to keep a research log that details the process of your data collection. Your research project is to include a bibliography. You need to frame your presentation in one of the theories discussed in class. A full hardcopy of your presentation is to be included with your research project. Using footnotes, you will list the sources used in your presentation.

All assignments in the Department of Sociology are to use ASA style.

If you would like the class to watch a video or read an article pertaining to your presentation, email the details to me and I will send it to everyone in the class.

Your research project will be graded on an individual basis.

Since there will be no duplicate presentations you need to let the instructor know as soon as possible what era/decade your group has chosen.

Presentation: Your group will present the research project findings to the class. Each individual will be marked on their own merit.

Your research project and a hardcopy of your final presentation are due at the beginning of the class on July 30, 2015.

No assignments will be handed in electronically.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is unacceptable and subject to various sanctions. Please see the university regulations section on academic dishonesty in the [Lakehead University Calendar](#).

Tentative Reading and Lecture Schedule

1. Thursday, July 02

Welcome To Sociology of Women
Introductions
Course Outlines
How Do You Know What You Know?

2. Monday, July 06

How do you know what you know?
The Social Construction of Knowledge
Discuss the research project
Reading: Anderson Chapter 1

3. Tuesday, July 07

Feminist Perspectives
Reading: Anderson Chapter 12

4. Wednesday, July 08

Women, Power, and Politics and Social Movements
Reading: Anderson Chapter 13

5. Thursday, July 09

Women, Power, and Politics and Social Movements continued
Reading: Anderson Chapter 11

6. Monday, July 13

The Social Construction of Gender
Reading: Anderson Chapter 2

7. Tuesday, July 14

The Social Construction of Gender
No reading assigned*

8. Wednesday, July 15

Gender, Culture, and the Media
Reading: Anderson Chapter 3

9. Thursday, July 16

Gender, Culture, and the Media

Bring in a comic strip from the newspaper. It would be beneficial if your group decided on one comic strip to examine and each of you brought in a comic strip from a different day.

10. Monday, July 20

Mid-term #1 First Half of the Class

Gender, Work and the Economy

No reading assigned*

11. Tuesday, July 21

Gender, Work and the Economy

Reading: Anderson Chapter 5

12. Wednesday, July 22

Gender, Work and the Economy

Gender and Families

Reading: Anderson Chapter 6

13. Thursday, July 23

Gender and Families

No reading assigned*

14. Monday, July 27

Women, Health, and Reproduction

Reading: Anderson Chapter 7

15. Tuesday, July 28

Women, Health, and Reproduction

No reading assigned*

16. Wednesday, July 29

Gender, Crime, and Deviance

Reading: Anderson Chapter 9

17. Thursday, July 30

Gender, Crime, and Deviance

No reading assigned*

Research Projects and a Hardcopy of your Final Presentation are due at the beginning of class.

18. Monday, Aug. 03

Civic Holiday No Class

19. Tuesday, Aug. 04

Gender, Crime, and Deviance

No reading assigned*

20. Wednesday, Aug. 05
Midterm Examination #2
Gender, Crime, and Deviance
No reading assigned*

21. Thursday, Aug. 06
Presentations
Gender, Education, and Science for the remaining class time
Reading: Anderson Chapter 10

22. Monday, Aug. 10
Presentations
Gender, Education, and Science for the remaining class time
No reading assigned*

23. Tuesday, Aug. 11
Presentations
Gender, Education, and Science for the remaining class time
No reading assigned*

24. Wednesday, Aug. 12
Presentations
Gender, Education, and Science for the remaining class time
No reading assigned*

25. Thursday, Aug. 13
Presentations
Gender, Education, and Science for the remaining class time
No reading assigned*
Go over take home examination

26. Friday, Aug. 14
Final Take Home Examination due via email by 11.30 pm.

* Please use this time to do reading for your research project and presentation.