

SOC-2410: SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER

Cuyahoga Community College

Viewing: SOC-2410 : Sociology of Gender

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Subject Code

SOC - Sociology

Course Number:

2410

Title:

Sociology of Gender

Catalog Description:

Analysis of the social construction of gender, gender roles, and gender stratification in American society. Compare gender assumptions within social and cross-cultural contexts. Examine socialization and social psychological influences on gender identity, the impact of gender in relationships, the importance of sex and gender in institutions and organizations, and the impact of recent social movements and social policies.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test; or departmental approval.

Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Apply the major sociological theories and concepts to analyze the social construction of gender within the United States and globally.

Objective(s):

1. Differentiate between gender based applications of functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism.
2. Analyze historical and contemporary gender norms and roles.
3. Interpret gender roles and norms within the social context in which they were/are formed using major theoretical perspectives as well as feminist theory.
4. Examine gender stratification and gender hierarchies determined by societal expectations of gender norms and roles.
5. Compare and contrast sociological theories of gender with biological, anthropological, and psychological theories of gender.

Course Outcome(s):

Critically analyze gender-based sociological research methods.

Objective(s):

1. Interpret the validity and reliability of existing gender-based research.
 2. Evaluate data collection methodology and statistical analysis used in existing gender research.
 3. Evaluate the implications of sociological research findings and the impact on new research questions.
 4. Critique the contributions and limitations of sociological research findings on gender in contemporary society.
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Course Outcome(s):

Evaluate sex and gender from the microsociological and macrosociological viewpoints.

Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:

Cultural Sensitivity: Demonstrate sensitivity to the beliefs, views, values, and practices of cultures within and beyond the United States.

Objective(s):

1. Examine gender from the individual experience to the incorporation into societal institutions.
2. Compare and contrast definitions of sex and gender cross-culturally.
3. Analyze the effect of defined gender roles and norms on family, interpersonal relations, organizations, and society.
4. Examine gender as a declaration of personal identity.
5. Assess the consequences of being assigned to sex and gender categories and the ramifications of internalizing social constructions of gender.
6. Analyze ways that gender norms and roles vary according to race/ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, disability and age.
7. Analyze the ways in which language has changed over time to reflect the full spectrum of gender and sex identities.

Course Outcome(s):

Analyze social issues and public policy within the realm of socially sanctioned gender norms.

Objective(s):

1. Examine public policy relating to sexual harassment, domestic violence, sex crimes, and gender discrimination.
2. Interpret policies that reflect a gendered society in social institutions including the family, politics, the military, the economy, religion, medicine, and education.
3. Analyze existing laws or lack of legal protections pertaining to non-binary gender identified individuals.

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Quizzes and examinations
2. Small and large group activities
3. Group discussions
4. Written critiques of Academic journal articles
5. Personal journals and portfolios
6. Participant observation reports
7. Critical thinking exercises, written and oral
8. Research paper
9. Internet reseach of social policy websites
10. Analysis of mass media
11. Optional service-learning assigment

Course Content Outline:

1. Sex and gender
 - a. Biological theories of sex and gender
 - b. Sociological theories of gender
 - c. Psychological theories of gender
 - d. Cross-cultural perspectives
2. Theoretical explanations of gender
 - a. Functionalism
 - b. Conflict theory
 - c. Symbolic interactionism
 - d. Feminist theory
3. Historical context of gender roles
 - a. Preindustrial societies
 - b. Industrial societies
 - c. Post-industrial societies
4. Gender socialization

- a. Infancy
 - b. Childhood
 - c. Adulthood
5. Sociological research methods used to study gender
 - a. Surveys
 - b. Ethnographic research
 - c. Case studies
 - d. Evaluation of demographic trends
 - e. Secondary analysis
 - f. Content analysis
 6. The research process
 - a. Writing a proposal and abstract
 - b. Conducting library research using sociological databases
 - c. Completing a literature review
 - d. Creating an outline
 - e. Bibliographic citations using APA format
 7. Gender stratification
 - a. Theories
 - b. Intersection of gender and race
 - c. Feminization of poverty
 - d. Patriarchy
 8. Gender in social institutions
 - a. Family
 - b. Religion
 - c. Economy
 - d. Education
 - e. Politics
 - f. Medicine
 - g. Military

Resources

Renzetti, Claire M. and Daniel Curran. *Women, Men, and Society*. 6th ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2012.

Texler Segal, Marcia and Theresa A. Martinez. *Intersections of Gender, Race, and Class*. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishers, 2007.

Holmes, Mary. *What is Gender? Sociological Approaches*. Los Angeles: Sage, 2007.

Spade, Joan Z. and Catherine G. Valentine. *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*. 6th ed. Los Angeles: Pine Forge, 2020.

Taylor, Verta, Whittier, Nancy and Leila J. Rupp. *Feminist Frontiers*. 10th ed. New York: McGraw Hill, 2019.

Kimmel, Michael. *The Gendered Society*. 6th ed. New York: Oxford, 2016.

Johnson, Allan G. *The Gender Knot*. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2014.

Lorber, Judith. *Paradoxes of Gender*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1994.

Tarrant, Shira (ed.). *Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex and Power*. 2nd ed. New York: Routledge, 2013.

Kimmel, Michael S. and Michael A. Messner. *Men's Lives*. 10th ed. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2018.

Resources Other

1. *Gender Issues*. New York: Springer.
2. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. Oxford: Blackwell.
3. *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. Hillsdale, NJ: Analytic Press.
4. *Journal of Gender, Culture and Health*. New York: Plenum Press.
5. *Gender & Society*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.
6. *American Sociological Review*. Washington, DC: Amer. Soc. Assoc.
7. *Gender and Language*. London: Equinox.
8. Social Sciences electronic databases
9. Supplemental Blackboard course site
10. Faculty Collaborations
11. Guest speakers
12. Selected DVDs

Instructional Services

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