

**SOCIOLOGY 312: SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER  
CROSS-LISTED WITH WGS 311.4  
FALL 2009 COURSE OUTLINE**

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Suggested Prerequisite: Sociology 201; General Education: No

**\*\*All Information is Subject to Change\*\***

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course examines gender as a social construction and analyzes how gender is socially constructed. Gender stereotypes and inequalities are embedded in social relationships, social institutions, and the social structure. This course examines the changes in gender relations and inequalities and the many ways that inequalities still persist. It also highlights the significant economic and social consequences to gender inequalities. Through examining gender, this course also keeps central the interactions between gender and race/ethnicity, class, and sexualities.

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

Over the course of the semester for you are expected to critically engage the material, express an informed opinion, and do further research on the topics. *In order to have informed discussions, each student is expected to be in class, on time, and fully prepared.*

Weekly Memos	20%
Individual Semester Long Project	30%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Attendance and Participation	10%

**Weekly Memos:** 20% of final grade. Need to write weekly one-page reading response papers.

**Midterm and Final Exams:** 20% each of final grade; short answer and essay exams.

**Individual Semester Long Project:** combined total of 30% of final grade. Students will work independently on a semester long project which will include: 1) Proposal 5%, 2) Class Presentation 5%, 3) Individual Research Paper 20% of final grade. Students will research a topic of their choosing, present the topic to the class and write a 9-10 page research paper after their presentation.

**Class Participation and Attendance:** 10% of final grade; students are expected to attend and participate in class regularly. Attendance will be taken each class by the student signing the roll.

**COURSE READINGS**

Book will be available at North Light books. For more information about the selected course readings, feel free to contact me by email.