

Sociology 113

Gender and Society

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: Sociology 101 AND eligibility for English 1A

Degree applicable Transfer CSU

Through this course, students will explore the concepts of sex and gender from a sociological perspective. Course content will examine shifts in attitudes, the social construction, and the importance of gender, both femininities and masculinities, in our everyday lives. Students will examine the methods sociologists use to study gender as well as how gender shapes and is shaped by the family, work, education, politics, media, the criminal justice system, health, religion, interaction, and performance. This course also analyzes the interlocking nature of gender with other major organizing principles of life such as race, class, age, and sexuality.

Course Objectives:

1. Define and explain the key sociological theories used to study the sociology of sex and gender.
Objective Exams
2. Identify basic concepts and terminology utilized in the analysis of the sociology of sex and gender.
Written homework
3. Classify the differences between sex and gender and distinguish a sociological approach from other approaches such as biological determinist approaches.
Objective Exams
4. Explain how men and women experience gender role expectations, norms, rewards, costs, identities, and social institutional life (e.g. family, work, healthcare, education) differentially and inequitably.
Term or other papers
5. Explore and describe the multiplicity and heterogeneity of masculinities and femininities.
Essay exams
6. Identify agents of socialization and provide examples of ways that those agents impart societal gender norms.
Class Performance
7. Understand and explain gender as a performative accomplishment.
Term or other papers

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

1. Theoretical Perspectives
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of theoretical perspectives and apply sociological perspectives such as functionalism, conflict, and interactionist sociological paradigms to the study of sex and gender in everyday life.
2. Sociological Concepts
Students will demonstrate an understanding of sociological concepts, such as the social construction of gender, intersectionality, gender socialization, gender norms, sex segregation, patriarchy, and gender inequality by applying them to social scenarios.

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