

Gender Relations and Social Issues (S)

Sociology and Anthropology 335

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: What is gender? How does gender intersect with other social relations (e.g. race, class, and sexual orientation) to create identities of masculinity and femininity? How do social institutions such as law, mass media, and family, help to construct and reproduce particular forms of gender relations in our society? To what extent were gender relations reshaped during the late 20th century in Canada and other liberal democracies? These questions have generated intense debates not only between feminists and anti-feminists but also among feminists themselves. In this seminar, we will focus on these ongoing debates with particular emphasis on different feminist perspectives and responses to the above questions.

Grading: Participation: 10%

2 short papers @ 20%: 40%

Midterm Exam: 25%

Final Exam: 25%

All the assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned.î

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Required Texts: A required Custom Courseware package will be available for sale in the bookstore.

E-journal articles (available on-line through the SFU Library).

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Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite: SA 150 and one second year sociology (S) or sociology/anthropology (SA) course. Students with credit for SA 292 (when offered as gender relations) or WS 308 may not take SA 335 for further credit. Recommended: WA 203.

Notes: All students are expected to read and understand SFU's policies with regard to academic dishonesty (T 10.02 and T 10.03). These policies are available at the following web addresses: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-02.htm> and <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/t10-03.htm>

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