

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
University of Calgary

ANTH 331.01: Sex and Gender  
Fall 2016

Course Outline

Class Hours: MWF 15:00-15:50  
Location: EDC 179

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## TEACHING STYLE

While much of this course is structured around lectures, I encourage class and smaller group discussions when possible.

Assigned readings support, reinforce, and expand upon the lectures. Sometimes the readings and lectures will overlap considerably, at other times not so much. I recommend doing the readings in advance of the lectures to increase your level of comfort with the material. Due to the symbiotic relationship between readings and lectures, you will need to attend lectures *and* do the readings in order to do well.

This course includes video clips and films, providing an opportunity to see people in action, which is what cultural anthropology is all about. While the video clips primarily reinforce important points made in the lecture, films are testable. Students are provided with questions on which to focus their viewing and note-taking in class and on the lecture slides.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a multi-disciplinary survey, rooted in anthropology, examining several broad questions around conceptualizations of gender across cultures. While we will be discussing the role of biology in common patterns of gender differences found across cultures,

we spend most of our course time examining cross-cultural variations in gender roles and ideologies, and how these conceptualizations manifest in a variety of behaviour patterns across our species. Approximately half the course is spent in examining gender inequality, how it manifests, (possible) origins, and explanations for its persistence.

### COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This is a multi-disciplinary survey course examining conceptualizations of sex and social constructions of gender across cultures. By the end of the course you will:

1. Begin to appreciate the diversity of human behaviour in expressions of gender identities.
2. Be able to describe how we as humans consider and express ourselves in our varied gender identities.
3. Be able to conceptualize and discuss how society and culture constrain us to think and act as gendered persons.

### REQUIRED TEXT

Brettell, Caroline B. and Sargent, Carolyn F. (eds.) *Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective*. 6th edition. 2013.

Listed in Lecture and Reading Schedule as B&S. Additional required readings will be posted on D2L.

NOTE: Earlier editions of Brettell and Sargent **DO NOT** contain all of the readings required for this course and therefore you must purchase the 6th edition.

### LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

The Lecture and Reading Schedule is a separate document, and will be posted to Desire2Learn (D2L) before the start of the course. Lecture slides will be posted on D2L in 3-slide PDF format.

### ASSESSMENT

The midterm exams are multiple choice and short answer. The final exam is multiple choice, short answer, and one long-answer question. With the exception of the final exam long-answer question, exams are not cumulative.

Item	% of Final Grade	Date	Comments
Midterm 1	30%	Oct. 12, 2016	In class
Midterm 2	30%	Nov. 9, 2016	In class

## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY GRADING SCHEME

A+	94.9-100%	B	74.9-79.8%	C-	58.9-62.8%
A	89.9-94.8%	B-	70.9-74.8%	D+	54.9-58.8%
A-	84.9-89.8%	C+	66.9-70.8%	D	49.9-54.8%
B+	79.9-84.8%	C	62.9-66.8%	F	49.8% and below

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Missed Exams

A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, notify the instructor ([Gfinlay@ucalgary.ca](mailto:Gfinlay@ucalgary.ca)) or the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology office (403-220-6516) preferably before the missed exam. Documentation (e.g., a doctor's note) may be requested before a make-up test will be scheduled. Midterm must be made up within one week of the scheduled exam date.

## Returned Exams

Results of exams will be posted on D2L. Exams will NOT be returned to the student, but can be reviewed with the instructor or TA (preferred) by appointment. To view multiple choice answer keys, see the TA. If, following a review of your exam, you have concerns about your evaluation, please make an appointment with the instructor to discuss in person. Exam reviews must be completed within two weeks of the grades being posted.

No accommodation will be made for poor performance on exams. For instance, additional items cannot be submitted in lieu of exams and grades will not be curved. Be sure that you are prepared for exams so that you perform well when you have the opportunity.

## Adjusted Grades

The instructor will implement a standard measure of adjustment for grades. Please do not request that the instructor increase or "round up" your final grade.

## Email Policy

Students are encouraged to email the instructor with any concerns or questions regarding the course. Please use ANTH 331 in the subject line. If your question regards an issue that requires some depth, or a potential lengthy email exchange, the instructor may request a face-to-face meeting instead of a prolonged email response. In addition, if the question is of interest to the entire class, the instructor may answer the question in class, retaining the anonymity of the question's origin. As the instructor has many other duties, please note that it may take up to 48 hours to receive a reply. The instructor does not answer emails on weekends and holidays, nor outside of regular work hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

## Electronic Devices

Appropriate etiquette is required for use of any electronic devices in the classroom. Specifically, please do not distract other students or the instructor in your use of such devices, or you may lose your privileges.

Unless approved by the instructor in advance, audio and visual recordings are banned. This is to protect both the rights of the instructor and the rights of every student.

#### Academic Accommodations:

The academic accommodations policy can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy>.

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodations and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact them at 403-220-6019. Students that have not registered with the SAS are not eligible for formal academic accommodations. More information about the academic accommodations can be found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access>.

#### PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING

Plagiarism: "to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (Webster's). Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will automatically result in a failing grade for the submission. Any student caught plagiarizing may also be subject to additional University sanctions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Faculty of Arts' policy on intellectual honesty available at: <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/get-your-degree/intellectual-honesty>.

#### EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event that we need to evacuate the classroom due to an emergency, please note that the primary assembly point shall be Food Court in the Professional Faculties (PF) Bldg. FYI: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/home/evacuation-assembly-points/assembly-points>.

#### USRI:

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

*The Department of Anthropology and Archaeology's FOIP (Freedom of Information and Privacy) policy requires all reports/examinations to be returned to students during class time or the instructor's office hours. Any term work not picked up will be placed in the Anthropology and Archaeology Office (£5620) for distribution. Any student not wishing to have their work placed in the office must make alternate arrangements with the course instructor early in the term.*

#### CAMPUS SECURITY

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