

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY  
University of Calgary

ANTH 331.01: Sex and Gender  
Winter 2016

Course Outline

Class Hours: MWF 15:00-15:50  
Location: CHC 119

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**TEACHING STYLE**

I have designed the lectures in this course to support, reinforce, and expand upon the readings. 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 in this course.

While much of this course is structured around lectures, I provide opportunities for, and encourage, class and small group discussions.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides a multi-disciplinary survey, rooted in anthropology, examining conceptualizations of sex (the genetic distinction between male and female) and social constructions of gender across cultures. We will review biological and ethnographic evidence to examine whether human sex differences exist. We will also examine cross-cultural variations in gender roles and ideologies, and how these conceptualizations manifest in a variety of behaviour patterns.

**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 sex and 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*. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

Tests/exams are multiple choice and not cumulative.

Item	% of Final Grade	Date	Comments
D2L Test	10%	Jan. 22, 2016 – open 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Via D2L – see below for information
2-page Paper	20%	Deadlines throughout the term depending on the topic you're assigned	See separate 2-Page Paper document on D2L for guidelines and deadlines
Midterm Exam	30%	Feb. 29, 2016	In class
Final Exam	40%	Set by Registrar	April 16-27, 2016

### 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

D2L Test - January 22, 2016 - Open 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The first test will be completed online through D2L. The test will be available on the day of the test from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. that evening. The test will be timed, requiring you to

complete it within a time limit. It is important to ensure you have access to dependable power and Internet service. If you have technical difficulties completing the test (e.g., loss of internet connectivity, or accidentally submitting a blank test, etc.), inform the instructor immediately via email. Emails received outside of the allotted test-completion time period will not be considered and you will not be allowed to attempt this test again. It is your responsibility to complete the test during the scheduled time period.

### **Missed Exams**

A missed examination automatically receives a score of zero. In the event of an emergency or illness, notify the instructor ([jlfinlay@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jlfinlay@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.

### **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.

## **Writing Across the Curriculum**

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and may use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

## **Student Accessibility Services Accommodations**

Student Accommodations. Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-foraccommodations-for-students-with-disabilities\\_o.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-foraccommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_o.pdf).

It is the responsibility of the student to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at (403)220-8237.

Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students are also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course.

## **Academic Misconduct**

Academic dishonesty is an unacceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are strongly advised to read the Student Misconduct section of the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are:

- 1) Presenting another student's work as your own
- 2) Presenting an author's work or ideas as you own without proper referencing
- 3) Using work completed for another course

This activity will not be tolerated and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the University Calendar.

For detailed information on what constitutes academic misconduct, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

### **Emergency Evacuation Assembly Points**

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation, please refer to the following link to become familiar with the assembly points for the class:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

### **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. Your responses make a difference, please participate!

Website: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri/>

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

The University of Calgary is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals who work and study at the University or who otherwise interact with the University in accordance with the standards set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Please refer to the following link for detailed information:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/system/files/foip%20overview.pdf>

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 (ES620) 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.

### **Safewalk Information**

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at (403) 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security Officer will accompany you to your campus destination.