This course will explore the current sociological scholarship on a variety of issues related to gender inequality. Particular emphasis will be on examining the intersection of gender with race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality. The major focus of the course will be evaluating the theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions of the recent research in the area of gender inequality.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Discussion questions (30 points): Each student will write three discussion questions for nine of the ten class meetings. Each individual question may focus on one reading or may make comparisons across readings. Discussion questions are due to the instructor via email by 9:00am on the day of the class meeting. Assignments will be accepted between 9:00am and 2:00pm on the day they are due with a penalty. Assignments will not be accepted after 2:00pm.

Preparation and participation (40 points): Students are responsible for coming to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Students will take turns providing a brief summary of each reading. Students are expected to participate in the conversation with thoughtful comments and questions.

Take home final exam (30 points): The take home final exam will consist of two questions, which will ask you to synthesize the readings for this course and articulate clear arguments. Each question should be a maximum of two single spaced pages, using standard formatting (see policies section below). Final exams will be distributed at the final class meeting (June 3) and will be due by Tuesday June 10 at 5:00pm. Final exams must be submitted in hard copy in instructor’s mailbox (sociology department lobby, Cramer Hall 217).
POLICIES

Required Readings: Books may be purchased at the PSU bookstore or online. One copy of each book will be held on reserve in the library.


You will also be required to read selections available online through the PSU library. Use the following direction to access the articles:

* Go to the library home page: [http://library.pdx.edu/](http://library.pdx.edu/)
* Click on “Course Reserves”
* Type instructor's last name (Kelly) and click “search”
* Click on the course number
* Click “Accept”
* Click on the “Reading folder” folder
* Enter the password (Kelly) and click “view”
* Click on the subfolder
* Click on the “file name” for the document

Note: All reading selections are held by the library. If you cannot access the readings through the e-reserves using the above directions, navigate to the readings from the library homepage.

D2L: We will not be using D2L for this course.

Email: I may send a follow-up email after each class and I regularly communicate with students individually via email. My emails will be sent to your PSU email. It is your responsibility to check your PSU email daily during the school week and respond in a timely manner. In emails to me, please put the title of the course in the subject line and sign your emails using your first and last name. Use the email address on the first page of the syllabus. I will generally respond to email within 24 hours. Emails sent after 5:00pm on Friday will generally be answered by 5:00pm on Monday.

Academic Honesty: I expect complete academic honesty. Please refer to the Student Conduct Code for more detailed information on PSU policies. Cheating or plagiarizing will result in failing the assignment or the course and will be reported.

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who may require accommodations are encouraged to contact the PSU Disabilities Resource Center (DRC) and the instructor at the beginning of the term to arrange accommodations. The DRC is located in 435 Smith and can be contacted at 725-4150 or by email at drc@pdx.edu. Visit their site at [www.pdx.edu/uasc/drc](http://www.pdx.edu/uasc/drc).

Classroom Conduct: I insist that you demonstrate the highest level of respect for your peers and for me. All points of view will be welcomed and respected; however, statements or behaviors that are disrespectful towards individuals or groups will not be tolerated. Behaviors that are distracting to your peers and to me are not acceptable (e.g. coming in late, packing up or leaving early, using cell phones, and having side conversations).
**Laptops/tablets/e-readers:** If you prefer to read electronic versions of articles and/or books, you may bring these devices to class to reference the class discussions. You may also use these devices to take notes in class. However, if you use your device for non-class purposes, you will be asked to put away your device.

**Guests in Class:** I do not allow people under age 18 to attend class. If you would like to bring a guest to class who is over 18, please ask in advance.

**Cancelled Classes:** In the case of inclement weather or other emergencies, please refer to the PSU web page: [http://www.pdx.edu/](http://www.pdx.edu/). In the event that I have to cancel class, I will email the class as soon as possible. If I do not arrive to class 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, consider class cancelled for the day.

**Absences:** In the event you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to carefully read the follow-up email sent after class and ask a classmate for notes, announcements, and any other missed material. If you have any questions *after* you have read the follow-up email and checked with a classmate, please see me before or after class or during office hours.

**Standard formatting:** This formatting is required for all assignments: Times New Roman, size 12 font; one inch margins all around; paragraphs indented half an inch; heading in upper right corner (name, date, assignment name); page number in bottom right corner; single spaced (incorrectly formatted assignments will lose points).

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Week 1: April 1**


**Week 2: April 8**


Week 3: April 15


Week 4: April 22


Week 5: April 29


Week 6: May 6


Week 7: May 13


Week 8: May 20

Week 9: May 27

Week 10: June 3

Finals week
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