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 (18 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 via D2L (D2L course home--Activities--Dropbox--Discussion questions week X). Copy and paste your question into the comments field AND attach the document. Discussion questions are due by 9:00am on the day of the class meeting. Discussion questions will be accepted between 9:00am and 2:00pm on the day they are due for half credit. Discussion questions will not be accepted after 2:00pm.

*Preparation and participation (42 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.

*Midterm take-home exam (20 points):* The midterm take-home exam will consist of two questions, which will ask you to synthesize the readings for this course (thus far) and articulate clear arguments. Each question should be a maximum of two single spaced pages, using standard formatting (see policies section below). Midterm exam questions will be distributed during week 5 (Tuesday, April 28) and will be due week 6 (Wednesday May 6 by 5:00pm). Midterm exams must be submitted via D2L (D2L course home--Activities--Dropbox--Midterm).

*Final take-home exam (20 points):* The final take-home 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 exam questions will be distributed during week 10 (Tuesday, June 2) and will be due by Wednesday June 10 at 5:00pm. Final exams must be submitted via D2L (D2L course home--Activities--Dropbox--Final).
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”
* Login with your Odin account and Password
* Click on the folder “Reading Folder For SOC 510/610”
* Click on “Electronic Reserves”
* 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: The syllabus will be posted on D2L. All assignments will be submitted via D2L (no hard copies will be accepted). Points earned and written feedback for all assignments will be posted on D2L. Note that course readings are available through the library e-reserves (not D2L), see above.

Email: I may send a follow-up email after 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 and will be reported.

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).

Late Assignments: Assignments will be marked down 10% per weekday late. Assignments will not be accepted after 5 weekdays. Assignments due during finals week will not be accepted after 5pm on Friday of finals week.
COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: March 31


Week 2: April 7


Week 3: April 14


Week 4: April 21

Week 5: April 28


Week 6: May 5


Midterm exams due Wednesday, May 6 by 5:00pm via D2L.

Week 7: May 12


Week 8: May 19

Week 9: May 26


Week 10: June 2


Finals week

Take home final exams are due Wednesday June 10 by 5:00pm via D2L.