Course Goals

The goal of this course is to explore the current sociological research on a wide 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 latest research in the area of gender inequality.

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 web site: [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
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Discussion questions (20% of course grade): Each student will write three discussion questions for eight of the nine 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 5 point penalty. Assignments will not be accepted after 2:00pm.

Preparation and participation (30% of course grade): Students are responsible for coming to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings. Students are expected to participate in the conversation with thoughtful comments and questions.

Final paper (50%): For the final paper, you have three options: (1) Complete a mock comprehensive exam consisting of two questions (one on gender inequality, one on intersectionality) or (2) Write a portion of the lit review or analysis for your thesis or dissertation that incorporates the material for this course or (3) Write a paper on a topic related to gender inequality suitable for submission to a peer-review journal. Details of these assignments will be discussed in class. Final papers must be submitted in hard copy by Monday June 10 at 5pm.

POLICIES

Email: The instructor regularly communicates with the class via PSU email so be sure that you are receiving the emails. If you prefer, you can arrange to have your PSU email forwarded to another email address. It is your responsibility to check your email daily during the school week and respond in a timely manner. In emails to the instructor, please put the title of the course in the subject line and sign your emails using your first and last name. Use the email addresses on the first page of the syllabus. The instructor 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: You are expected to demonstrate 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.

Classroom Conduct: You must demonstrate the highest level of respect for your peers and for the instructor. 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 the instructor are not acceptable (e.g. coming in late, packing up or leaving early, using cell phones, and having side conversations).
**Guests in class:** The instructor does 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 the instructor 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 the instructor has to cancel class, she will email the class as soon as possible. If the instructor has not arrived to class 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, consider class cancelled for the day. If class is cancelled for any reason, you are still expected to submit your discussion questions via email.

**Absences:** In the event you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to ask a classmate for notes, announcements, and any other missed material. If you have any questions after you have checked with a classmate, please see the instructor before or after class or during office hours. Your discussions questions are due regardless of whether or not you attend class.

**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

No class

Week 10: June 3


Finals week

Final papers are due Monday June 10 by 5pm. Final papers must be submitted in hard copy to the instructor (via the instructor’s mailbox in the sociology department lobby in Cramer 217 or the instructor’s office, Cramer 217R)