SOC210: Gender and Society

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This course examines the role of gender systems in human societies. How do societies vary in the positions assigned to men and women? In the power and privileges accorded each sex? How do we acquire a gender identity? What are the consequences of sex-typing and sex-stratified societies? The role of religion, intellectual traditions, language, families and schools, economic organization, labor markets and the state is explored.

Assessment
Exam 1 20%
Exam 2 20%
Exam 3 20%
2 Short papers* 20%
Film Analysis 10%
Presentation 10%

Participation: You may miss two classes without penalty. Any classes missed after that will result in a deduction of one percentage point from your final grade.

Readings
Most of the readings will be available on Moodle; a few you will need to access through the library. (I will indicate on the syllabus when this is necessary.) The course has one required text at the Bookstore, which is abbreviated on the syllabus as (BGG):


**Late work and make-up exams will be accepted only in the case of serious, documented illness or family emergencies.

Academic Integrity
All students are expected to adhere to DePauw’s code of academic integrity. Please see a list of examples of academic dishonesty at:
http://www.depauw.edu/handbooks/academic/policies/integrity/types/

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Schedule of Readings and Assignments (subject to revision)

**Please note that you will have an exam and a group presentation during the last two weeks of class.***

Week 1: Introduction (8/27)

Week 2: Theory and Intersectionality (9/1-9/3)

T:*Johnson, A. 2005. “Patriarchy, the System: An It, Not a He, a Them or an Us,” pp.27-50 (Short paper option)


Week 3: Theory and Intersectionality cont’d (9/8-9/10)

T: *Crenshaw, K. “Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex,” pp.139-148, pp.166-7 (Short paper option)

* BGG, pp.1-19

Th: *BGG, pp.20-73

Week 4: (9/15-9/17)— Gender, the Law, Criminality, and Violence

T: *BGG, pp.74-106

Th*BGG, pp.107-150; pp.151-162 (skim);

Week 5: Masculinities (9/22-9/24)

T: Kimmel, *Guyland*, chapters 1 and 6


Week 6: Gender and Age (9/29-10/1)

T: EXAM 1 **location TBA**

Th: Shapiro, *Waiting for Jose: The Minutemen’s Pursuit of America*, Chapter 1, pp 1-4 (at least); and Chapter 3, “Gordon and His Guns”
**Week 7: Gender in Education (10/6-10/8)**
T: Morris, Edward. “Rednecks,” “Rutters,” and “Rithmetic”... (Short paper option)
Th: Sax, *The Gender Gap*, chapters 1 and 2

**Week 8: Fatherhood (10/13-10/15)**
T: Kane, Gutman, *The Meanings of Macho: Being A Man in Mexico City*, ch. 3
Th: Film Analysis due!!

**Week 9 FALL BREAK (10/20-10-22)**

**Week 10 Gender and Work I (10/27-10/249)**
T: Leidner, “Serving Hamburgers and Selling Insurance” (Short paper option)
Th: Charles and Grusky, “Egalitarianism and Gender Inequality” (Short paper option)

**Week 11: Gender, Race, and Work (11/3-11/5)**
T: EXAM 2 location TBA
Th: Royster, Deirdre, *Race and the Invisible Hand: How White Networks Exclude Black Men from Blue-Collar Jobs*, Chapter 1 (read to p.12) and Chapter 7 “Networks of Inclusion, Networks of Exclusion”. (Short paper option)***Please access through the Library***

**Week 12 (11/10-11/12) Gender, Race, and Immigration**
T: Lopez, “Disentangling Race-Gender Work Experiences...”(Short paper option)
Th: Espiritu, “We Don’t Sleep Around Like White Girls Do...”(Short paper option)

**Week 13: Gender in Global Perspective (11/17-11/19)**
T: Smilde, Chapter 3 “Imagining Social Life I: Confronting Akrasia, Crime, and Violence”

**Week 14: Gender and the State (11/24+Thanksgiving)**
T: Charrad, *States and Women’s Rights*, Intro; 1-12; ch1 (17-27); conc (233-241) (Short paper option)

**Week 15 (12/1-12/3)**
T: EXAM 3 location TBA
Th: Presentation organization

**Week 16 (12/8-12/10)**
T: presentation
Th: presentation