Sociology (SOC) 2038 Gender Studies (3 Units) CSU

Advisory: Eligibility for English 1500 strongly recommended

Hours and Units Calculations: 48 hours lecture + 96 Outside-of-class Hours (144 Total Student Learning Hours) = 3 Units

Catalog Description: This course explores issues of sex and gender through sociological analysis of the social construction of gender, masculinity, and femininity historically and cross-culturally. It examines the debates on sex and gender. It analyzes the impact of economic and political change on gender expectations and practices. It focuses on macro-analyses of how institutions shape gender and microanalyses of how individuals are socialized and how they “do” and practice gender. C-ID: SOCI 140

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit


Additional Required Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast sociological perspectives used to interpret gender relations,
2. Differentiate between the terms sex and gender and discuss their differences within the larger social context of gendered relations,
3. Identify the main agents of gender socialization and their impact on children’s and adults’ gender construction,
4. Describe gender ideology and practices in multiple social institutions and across cultures and societies,
5. Identify the interplay of race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality affecting gender relations,
6. Outline the process by which people negotiate power and gender boundaries through their relationships with others (including violent relationships), and
7. Identify social and political movements to change gender inequalities and gender practices.

Course Scope and Content:
Unit I. Introduction to the Sociology of Gender
   A. Introduction to the sociology of gender
   B. Issues of women and men
   C. Major theories of the sociology of gender.
   D. Research Methods in Sociology

Unit II. Construction of Gender
   A. Biological construction of gender
   B. Psychological construction of gender
   C. Socio-cultural construction of gender
   D. Socialization of gender
   E. Gender development
   F. Gender across the lifespan

Unit III. Gender & Relationships
   A. Communication and social interactions
   B. Intimate relationships
   C. Family relations

Unit IV. Minority Groups
   A. Social construction of sexuality
   B. Variations in gender roles
   C. Social class differences
   D. Racial, ethnic, cultural, and migrant differences

Unit V. Gender Politics
   A. Women’s movements
   B. Men’s movements
   C. Feminism and its struggles

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Assigned readings, lectures, and film
2. Working on assigned projects

Methods of Instruction:

1. Lectures
2. Group discussion
3. Guest lectures
4. Use of audio/visual/music
5. Group project(s)
6. In-class discussions

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Presentation(s)
4. Project(s)
5. Final examination
6. Student-generated written work

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