

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Winter Evening
Jan 7 - March 20, 2002
Camp Smith

COURSE: SO/PH 36080 **Sociology and Philosophy of Gender**

TIME: Wednesdays 17:30 - 21:40

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TEXTBOOKS:

Montagu, Ashley, 5th. Ed. 1999, **THE NATURAL SUPERIORITY OF WOMEN**, Thousand Oaks, CA: Altamira Press (Sage).

Renzetti, Claire and Currran, Daniel, 4th. ed. 1999, **WOMEN, MEN, AND SOCIETY**, Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

Tiger, Lionel, 1999, **THE DECLINE OF MALES**, New York, NY: St.Martin's Griffin.

INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION:

Women and men are viewed differently in society. This interdisciplinary course will explore the concept of gender from the perspective of the social sciences as well as philosophy, religion, and the other disciplines in the humanities. Students will analyze the different arguments on the issues of femininity and masculinity cross-culturally.

The class will consider the differences and/or similarities in gender roles in society. The discussion will cover the effects of stereotyping gender roles on policy, people, and society. A critical analysis of ideas about nature and nurture will add to an understanding of the typology of sex and gender.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to be open minded and courteous in class discussion and to participate regularly in all class activities. Each student is expected to carefully read the assigned chapter in the textbook and be prepared to discuss it for the class period of the assignment.

Only registered students are allowed to be in the class.

All students will be graded on the following requirements:

- *come to class on time and stay for the whole period.
- *be courteous and professional in class discussions i.e. take turn in speaking, allowing others to express their ideas without interruption, communicate with positive, constructive verbal and non-verbal language.
- *show respect and an open mind to different ideas and opinions from class members.
- *turn in assignments on time.
- *be responsible to cooperate and complete class/team projects on time.

GRADING:

The grading will be based on

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| 1. Class attendance and participation | 20 pts. |
| 2. Book chapter reports | 15 pts. |
| 3. Reflective journals | 15 pts. |
| 4. Mid-term class project
(Proposal is invited to submit for discussion on 1/16) | 20 pts. |
| 5. Research project
(written report 25 pts.
oral report 5 pts.) | 30 pts. |

90-100 =A, 80-89 =B, 70-79 =C, 60-69 =D, 59 AND BELOW=F

BOOK CHAPTER REPORTS:

Students will be assigned to read chapter(s) from the textbooks and to turn in the following on the day when they take a leading role in class discussion:

- 1) a 1-2 page (typed double-spaced) insightful summary of the chapter(s) including

specified in the class schedule. Each journal must be typed double-spaced. Each entry will be graded for its brief and insightful reflection of the issues of gender in society. The contents of each journal should include:

- 1) Reflective understanding of the topic;
- 2) Insightful comment on the topic; and
- 3) 3 analytical questions about the topic.

LEARNING OUTCOME ASSESSMENT:

All of students' work will be evaluated for:

- *knowledge of the subject matter from textbooks, class lectures, discussion, videos, resources from research, outside class activities.
- *ability to provide relevant examples to support viewpoints.
- *ability to apply the knowledge to understand current issues in society.
- *clarity and logical presentation.
- *demonstration of having an understanding of the subject matter objectively and from opposing viewpoints.
- *demonstration of achieving the objectives of this class.
- *ability to analyze, critically reviews, and compares the issues cross-culturally.

Students must turn in all class assignments and the exam in class on time. Points will be taken off for turning in assignments late. All work turned in must be typed double-spaced.

ONLY HARD COPY WILL BE ACCEPTED. EXAM AND ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL OR FAX.

SCHEDULE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>READING (Chapter)</u>
JAN		
9	Introduction	
16	What is the Difference between Women and Men?	Renzetti ch.1-5
23	Gender and Social Organizations JOURNAL # 1 DUE	Renzetti ch.6-8
30	Public Office, Spirituality and Health JOURNAL # 2 DUE	Renzetti ch.9-11
FEB		
6	Mid-term Presentation	
13	Superiority and Subjection of Women	Montagu ch.1-7
20	Changing Traditions JOURNAL # 3 DUE	Montagu 8-14
27	THE DECLINE OF MALES	Tiger ch.1-4
MAR		
6	THE DECLINE OF MALES	ch.5-8
13	Final Class Presentation Due: written research report	