
Course Information

Course Number: SOCI/WGST 207
Course Title: Introduction to Gender and Society
Section: 500
Time: 11:10am – 12:25pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays
Date: 08/25/2025 – 12/16/2025
Location: WCSS 170
Credit Hours: 3

Instructor Details

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Course Description

The objective in this course is to introduce students to a contextual understanding of how gender and society interact. This means learning about similarities and differences between males and females culturally and providing sociological analysis of gender in relation to social structures. Such topics germane to these discussions include, but are not limited to: criminology and deviance, medicine, economics, science and technology, law. Additionally, fundamental concepts key to understanding these aforementioned interactions include but are not limited to: the division of labor, the Iron Cage of Bureaucracy, the Bogardus Scale, Enlightenment, Modernity, Postmodernity, vested interests, instrumental functions, expressive functions. The involved theories and resultant research greatly impact our current social, economic, and political world.

Course Prerequisites

None and any other registration restrictions.

Special Course Designation

SOCI 207 Introduction to Gender and Society is a core curriculum (CORE) designated course.

As such, it includes:

1. **Critical Thinking:** to involve creativity, analysis, inquiry, evaluation, and synthesis. Information being processed optimally.
2. **Communication:** to form effective methods to convey ideas, information, and expressive interpretation. This can be verbal or written.
3. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills:** to involve analyzing and navigating numerical information and deductive reasoning.
4. **Social Responsibility:** to involve cultural literacy, civic responsibility, communal engagement and empathetic competency.

Course Learning Outcomes

- To learn about the essential principles of sociology in the context of gender.
- To understand how to think sociologically and evaluate social problems.
- To contextualize information within theoretical frameworks and useful logic.
- To prepare for further specialization with a stable foundation.

Textbook and/or Resource Materials

This course covers various texts, articles, and other materials. I will do my best to provide excerpts for discussion. Most resources are available through your Texas A&M University email when accessing online databases, journals, and sources. I will provide a reference list as we go through the semester. Many of the excerpts we will reference can be found in:

Charles Lemert (2017) – *Social Theory, the Multicultural, Global, and Classic Readings*

Additionally, you will need:

- #2 Pencils.

Please do not worry about purchasing materials, you do not have to spend top dollar for expensive textbooks or devices. In the event you do not have #2 pencils, I will try and have a few spares -no promises. Feel free to bring extra #2 pencils on exam days, I am sure someone will forget theirs.

Grading Policy

Grading will be determined by the following scale:

A = 90.000 - 100.000
B = 80.000 - 89.999
C = 70.000 - 79.999
D = 60.000 - 69.999
F = 00.000 - 59.999

Grades will be evaluated by the following basis:

30% Exam 1
30% Exam 2
30% Research Paper
10% Participation

Total: 100%

Note: grades will not be rounded. Extra credit is available at the instructor's discretion and if made available, will be made available to the entire class.

Graded Materials**Exams**

Each exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions.
Students have the class time the exam is given to complete the exam.

Exam grades are as follows:

A = 90.000 - 100.000
B = 80.000 - 89.999
C = 70.000 - 79.999
D = 60.000 - 69.999
F = 00.000 - 59.999

Please bring the #2 pencils on the exam days.

Research Paper

Single-spaced, 5-10 pages, Cover Sheet, Works Cited, Times New Roman, 12pt Font
-across the manuscript.

Research Papers are to be printed out and handed in on their due date. Further instructions detailing how to write the papers in addition to due date will be given in class. A rubric will also be provided.
Please be sure to turn in your Research Paper on Canvas before the due date expires.

Research Paper grades are as follows:

A = 90.000 - 100.000
B = 80.000 - 89.999
C = 70.000 - 79.999
D = 60.000 - 69.999
F = 00.000 - 59.999

Research Papers are evaluated as follows:

1. **Clarity** – there are no major grammatical errors. Sentences are intact and logically consistent.
2. **Prompt** – the paper addresses the prompt and follows the directions.
3. **Organization** – the paper is consistent in formatting and does not differ radically in voice.
4. **Analysis** – a concept or series of concepts is present from the course and is expanded upon.

Note: writing examples will be shown in class. Students can turn in their papers early.

Participation

Participation requires recorded attendance. A sign-in sheet, Canvas Quiz, or digital QR code will be used depending on class size each day to take attendance.

Participation grades are as follows:

A = 90.000 - 100.000
B = 80.000 - 89.999
C = 70.000 - 79.999
D = 60.000 - 69.999
F = 00.000 - 59.999

Late Work Policy

Late work will not be accepted except for excused absences.

Course Schedule

Fall 2025: 08/25/2025 – 12/16/2025

11:10am – 12:25pm

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15 Weeks

Week 1 (08/26/2025)

- Syllabus
- Lectures

Week 2 (09/02/2025)

- Lectures

Week 3 (09/09/2025)

- Lectures

Week 4 (09/16/2025)

- Lectures

Week 5 (09/23/2025)

- Lectures

Week 6 (09/30/2025)

- Review for Exam 1, Exam 1

Week 7 (10/07/2025)

- Research Paper Instructions
- Lectures

Week 8 (10/14/2025)

- Lectures – No class on 10/14/2025 – Fall Break

Week 9 (10/21/2025)

- Lectures

Week 10 (10/28/2025)

- Lectures

Week 11 (11/04/2025)

- Lectures

Week 12 (11/11/2025)

- Lectures

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Week 13 (11/18/2025)

- Lectures
- Q-Drop deadline expires on 11/19/2025

Week 14 (11/25/2025)

- Thanksgiving Week – No Classes

Week 15 (12/02/2025)

- Review for Exam 2, Exam 2
- Research Papers Due on 12/04/2025

*Course schedule is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.
Any changes will be announced in class.*

University Policies

Texas A&M University Policies are listed below.

Attendance Policy

The university views class attendance and participation as an individual student responsibility. Students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments.

Please refer to [Student Rule 7](#) in its entirety for information about excused absences, including definitions, and related documentation and timelines.

Makeup Work Policy

Students will be excused from attending class on the day of a graded activity or when attendance contributes to a student's grade, for the reasons stated in Student Rule 7, or other reason deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Please refer to [Student Rule 7](#) in its entirety for information about makeup work, including definitions, and related documentation and timelines.

Absences related to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 may necessitate a period of more than 30 days for make-up work, and the timeframe for make-up work should be agreed upon by the student and instructor" ([Student Rule 7, Section 7.4.1](#)).

"The instructor is under no obligation to provide an opportunity for the student to make up work missed because of an unexcused absence" ([Student Rule 7, Section 7.4.2](#)).

Students who request an excused absence are expected to uphold the Aggie Honor Code and Student Conduct Code. (See [Student Rule 24](#).)

Academic Integrity Statement and Policy

"An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do."

"Texas A&M University students are responsible for authenticating all work submitted to an instructor. If asked, students must be able to produce proof that the item submitted is indeed the work of that student. Students must keep appropriate records at all times. The inability to authenticate one's work, should the instructor request it, may be sufficient grounds to initiate an academic misconduct case" ([Section 20.1.2.3, Student Rule 20](#)).

Texas A&M at College Station

You can learn more about the Aggie Honor System Office Rules and Procedures, academic integrity, and your rights and responsibilities at aggiehonor.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M at Galveston

You can learn more about the Honor Council Rules and Procedures as well as your rights and responsibilities at tamug.edu/HonorSystem.

Texas A&M at Qatar

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You can learn more about academic integrity and your rights and responsibilities at Texas A&M University at Qatar by visiting the [Aggie Honor System](#) website.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Texas A&M University is committed to providing safe and non-discriminatory learning, living, and work environments for all members of the University community. The University provides equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment or admission, and the public regardless of race, color, sex (including pregnancy and related conditions), religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Texas A&M University will promptly, thoroughly, and fairly investigate and resolve all complaints of discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), complicity and related retaliation based on a protected class in accordance with System Regulation 08.01.01, University Rule 08.01.01.M1, Standard Administrative Procedure (SAP) 08.01.01.M1.01, and applicable federal and state laws. In accordance with Title IX and its implementing regulations, Texas A&M does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity, including admissions and employment. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding the non-discrimination policies: Jennifer M. Smith, TAMU Associate VP & Title IX Coordinator at YMCA Ste 108, College Station, TX 77843, 979-458-8407, or email civilrights@tamu.edu. For other reporting options, visit <https://ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr> to locate the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

Civil Rights, Free Speech, and Title IX Policies

Texas A&M University is committed to fostering a learning environment that is safe and productive for all. University policies and federal and state laws prohibit discrimination and harassment based on an individual's race, color, sex, (including pregnancy and related conditions), religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other legally protected characteristic. This includes forms of sex-based violence, such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, dating/domestic violence, and stalking.

Students can report discrimination/harassment, access supportive resources, or learn more about their options for resolving complaints on the [University's Civil Rights & Title IX webpage](#).

Students should be aware that all university employees (except medical or mental health providers) are mandatory reporters, which means that if they observe, experience or become aware of an incident that they reasonably believe to be discrimination/harassment alleged to have been committed by or against a person who was a student or employee at the time of the incident, the employee must report the incident to the university.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy

Texas A&M University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. If you experience barriers to your education due to a disability or think you may have a disability, please contact the Disability Resources office on your campus (resources listed below). Disabilities may include, but are not limited to attentional, learning, mental health, sensory, physical, or chronic health conditions. All students are encouraged to discuss their disability related needs with Disability Resources and their instructors as soon as possible.

To request academic accommodations, contact the designated ADA office based on your location:

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- Texas A&M University, College of Nursing, College of Dentistry, Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy College Station, College of Medicine, School of Public Health, Institute of Biosciences and Technology, EnMed Program, Bush School in Washington DC, Mays Business School – CityCentre, TAMU Engineering Academies, Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen and Texas A&M University at Galveston should contact [Disability Resources](#) at (979) 845-1637 or disability@tamu.edu.
- Texas A&M University School of Law should contact the Office of Student Affairs at (817) 212-4111 or law-disability@law.tamu.edu to request accommodations.
- Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy in Kingsville should contact the Disability Resource Center at Texas A&M University - Kingsville at (361) 593-3024 or drc.center@tamuk.edu to request accommodations.
- Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences in Canyon should contact the Office of Student Accessibility at West Texas A&M University – Canyon at (806) 651-2335 or osa@wtamu.edu.
- Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) should contact the campus psychologist, Dr. Steve Wilson +974-4423-0047 or stephen.wilson@qatar.tamu.edu.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your approved accommodations, contact the office responsible for approving your accommodations or the Texas A&M ADA Coordinator Julie Kuder at ADA.Coordinator@tamu.edu or (979) 458-8407.

Pregnancy Accommodations

Texas A&M provides reasonable accommodations to students due to pregnancy and/or related conditions, such as childbirth, recovery and lactation. Students should contact the University's [Pregnancy Coordinator](#) as soon as they become aware of the need for accommodation. Depending on the circumstances, accommodations could include extended time to complete assignments or exams, changes in course sequence, or modifications to the physical classroom environment. Texas A&M will also allow a voluntary leave of absence, ensure the availability of lactation space, and maintain grievance procedures to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of sex discrimination. For information regarding pregnancy accommodations, email TIX.Pregnancy@tamu.edu.

Statement on Mental Health and Wellness

Texas A&M University recognizes that mental health and wellness are critical factors influencing a student's academic success and overall wellbeing. Students are encouraged to engage in healthy self-care practices by utilizing the resources and services available through [University Health Services](#) on its [mental health webpage](#). The [TELUS Health Student Support app](#) provides access to professional counseling in multiple languages anytime, anywhere by phone or chat, and the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers 24-hour emergency support at 988 or 988lifeline.org.

Texas A&M College Station

Students needing a listening ear can contact University Health Services (979.458.4584) 24-hour emergency help is also available through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) or at 988lifeline.org.

Texas A&M at Galveston

Students who need someone to talk to can call (409) 740-4736 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or visit tamug.edu/counsel for more information. For 24-hour emergency assistance during nights and

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weekends, contact the TAMUG Police Dept at (409) 740-4545. 24-hour emergency help is also available through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) or at 988lifeline.org.

Texas A&M at Qatar

Texas A&M University at Qatar students wishing to discuss concerns in a confidential setting are encouraged to visit the [Health and Wellness](#) website for more information.

Statement on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of educational records by limiting access to these records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Currently enrolled students wishing to withhold any or all directory information items can do so within howdy.tamu.edu using the Directory Information Withholding Form. The complete [FERPA Notice to Students](#) and the student records policy is available on the Office of the Registrar webpage. Items that can never be identified as public information are a student's social security number, citizenship, gender, grades, GPR or class schedule. All efforts will be made in this class to protect your privacy and to ensure confidential treatment of information associated with or generated by your participation in the class.

Directory items include name, UIN, local address, permanent address, email address, local telephone number, permanent telephone number, dates of attendance, program of study (college, major, campus), classification, previous institutions attended, degrees honors and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, medical residence location and medical residence specialization.

Additional Class Policies

Policies that pertain to this course.

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is expected in class. I follow Texas A&M University's guidelines for absences. Please bring a valid University acceptable excuse for absences in order for them not to count against you. Please email these to: jmquiroz@tamu.edu

Additional excuses for absences not listed under Texas A&M University's official guidelines are at the instructor's discretion.

Make-Up Exam Policy

If you miss an exam due to excused absence, email me to arrange a make-up exam.

AI Policy

AI can be useful within certain tasks. It can help prepare for assignments by brainstorming or forming examples. AI can help revise and edit student work to help identify grammatical and syntax errors in addition to checking basic logic. AI can help identify confusing citations or incomplete paragraphs. This does not mean that AI replaces student work.

All submitted work is the student's responsibility. If AI results in plagiarism being flagged, it will be treated as such. Anything not turned into me is your discretion in terms of AI usage.

Technology Policy

Note-Taking tools are allowed as long as they do not disrupt class with audible, visible, or tangible distractions. Please limit cell phone usage outside of this function. Please do not leave headphones in during class. If violations are apparent, you may be asked to leave.

Only your Texas A&M University email account may be used for communications and accessing Google Drive and documents.

Plagiarism

Turnitin will be used at the instructor's discretion to check for plagiarism. Please be sure that the submitted work is your own.

All policies are subject to Texas A&M University policies.

Class Recordings

Feel free to record lectures as needed, Texas is a one-party recording consent state.