

PSYCH 40 Course Outline as of Fall 2010**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: PSYCH 40 Title: PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER

Full Title: Psychological Perspectives on Gender

Last Reviewed: 10/9/2023

Units	Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks		Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	L4	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2025
	L8	Student Success and Wellness	

CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	E	Lifelong Learning and Self Development	Fall 1981

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1981
	4I	Psychology	

CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1981	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 1981	Inactive:
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CID:

CID Descriptor: SOCI 140 Introduction to Gender

SRJC Equivalent Course(s): PSYC40 OR SOC15

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Outcomes and Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Describe research and methodology on gender difference.
2. Distinguish major psychological theories on gender development and identity.
3. Identify the dynamics of gender on individual, interpersonal, and institutional levels.
4. Differentiate between the biological and social construction of gender.
5. Explain the interaction between gender, mental health, and psychological disorders.
6. Interpret the global and multicultural implications of gender stereotypes.
7. Identify the effects of cultural attitudes and beliefs of gender on sexuality, orientation, and behaviors.
8. Analyze the dynamics between power, status, economics, and gender.
9. Identify the implications of gender similarities and differences on emotional development.
10. Assess the potential for transformation of gender roles and gender relations.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Sex Differences in Psychology
 - A. History
 - B. Masculinity and femininity
 - C. Traits and socialization

- II. Research Approaches to Sex and Gender
 - A. Biomedical
 - B. Variationist (modified essentialist)
 - C. Interdisciplinary laboratory and clinical
- III. Gender Stereotypes Related to Masculinity and Femininity
- IV. Biology and Environment: The Process of Becoming Female or Male
- V. Theories of Gender Development
 - A. Evolutionary
 - B. Social learning
 - C. Cognitive development
 - D. Gender schema
- VI. Gender Differences in Sexuality
 - A. Identity
 - B. Orientation
- VII. Perceptual and Cognitive Abilities
 - A. Gender similarities
 - B. Gender differences
- VIII. Gender and Aspects of Emotion
 - A. Physiological
 - B. Cognitive
 - C. Behavioral
- IX. Relationships: Attachment, Intimacy, and Power
- X. Economic and Political Life: Power, Status, and Achievement
- XI. The Gender Gap in Education
 - A. Biology and the brain
 - B. Socialization
- XII. Issues in the Workplace: Division of Labor by Sex and Gender
- XIII. Gender and Mental/Physical Health
 - A. Stress, change, and adaptations
- XIV. Gender Roles and Health Care
 - A. Sexism in medicine
 - B. Politics of health equity
- XV. Gender Issues in Therapy
 - A. Communication styles
 - B. Cultural differences
- XVI. The Future of Sex and Gender: Justice, Equity, and Social Change

Assignment:

1. Read 25-35 pages per week and discuss assigned material from the text and supplements.
2. Three to five quizzes.
3. One to two exams, and a final will be given to assess comprehension of lectures, reading concepts, terminology, and other instructional materials.
4. Assignments may include term or course research paper, journal writing, portfolio, or projects for the purpose of learning research skills, enhancing course knowledge, and improving writing skills. Oral presentations and group projects may also be assigned.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written homework, research or term papers, journals, portfolio

Writing
10 - 25%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and exams

Exams
75 - 90%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Group projects, oral presentations, attendance, and/or participation.

Other Category
0 - 15%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Gender: Psychological Perspectives. Linda Brannon. Allyn & Bacon: 2008.

Psychology of Gender. Helgeson. Prentice Hall: 2009.

The Psychology of Sex and Gender. Barbara Smith. Allyn & Bacon: 2008.

Sex and Gender: An Introduction. Hilary Lips. McGraw-Hill: 2008.