

**COUN 20 Course Outline as of Fall 2010****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: COUN 20 Title: SEX AND GENDER

Full Title: Sex and Gender

Last Reviewed: 11/23/2020

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: COUN 73

**Catalog Description:**

This course is an exploration of gender and sexual identity in U.S culture. Topics include: definitions of femininity and masculinity in popular culture, contemporary and traditional sex roles, male and female stereotypes and issues related to sexual orientation, gender and sexual discrimination (sexism, homophobia, sexual harassment, etc.). The relationship between gender and sex and other aspects of our personal and social identities, such as race/ethnicity, age, physical disabilities will be examined. Cross-cultural comparisons of non-Western societies' views of sex and gender identities will be explored.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**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:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2004	
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social Science	Fall 2004	
	D4	Gender Studies		
	E	Lifelong Learning and Self Development		
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Spring 2007	
	4D	Gender Studies		
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2004	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Fall 2005	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

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

1. Analyze and describe the concepts of gender, sexuality and sexual orientation.
2. Differentiate between one's social and personal identities.
3. Analyze identity development theories.
4. Recognize Non-Western views of sex and gender identity.
5. Identify and examine sex and gender stereotypes in society.
6. Analyze and describe systems of power and privilege in U.S. society.
7. Define sexual discrimination including sexual harassment and sexism.
8. Explore career and educational opportunities in the fields of Gender and Women's Studies.

### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Defining sex, gender and sexual orientation

- a. Sex: the biological/physiological aspects of males and females; intersexual and transexual individuals
- b. Gender: defining masculinity and femininity; androgyny and transgender
- c. Sexual orientation: defining homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bi-sexuality
2. Identifying other important aspects of social identity: race, ethnicity, age, religion and nationality
3. Identity-development models as related to sex, gender and sexual orientation. Cass's model of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Identity Development
4. Cross cultural comparisons: studying Non-Western views of sex and gender identity:
  - a. Asian (Hijras of India, Katoey of Thailand);
  - b. Native American (Third Gender or Two-Spirit Peoples);
  - c. Latin American (matriarchal society in Oaxaca, Mexico);
  - d. African (Wodaabe-males and beauty)
5. Gender roles and stereotypes in contemporary U.S. society
  - a. Examining media images of male/female "beauty ideals"
  - b. Exploring institutionalized inequality: work, education, politics
  - c. Marriage and family as a social institution
6. Systems of power and privilege in U.S. society
  - a. Male and heterosexual privilege
  - b. Sexism, homophobia, heterosexism and sexual violence
7. Legal Issues: sex and gender discrimination
  - a. Defining sexual harassment
  - b. Recognizing inappropriate behaviors in the workplace
8. Introduction to career and educational opportunities
  - a. Academic programs in the fields of gender, sexuality and women's studies
  - b. Career and professional fields related to sex and gender studies

### **Assignment:**

1. Text reading assignments on relevant topics. Approximately 40 pages a week.
2. Discussion of text readings, in-class exercises and audio visual presentations.
3. A five page research paper on a topic relevant to sex and gender issues.
4. Five two-page writing assignments on gender, sexual orientation, gender stereotypes, heterosexual and male privilege, sex discrimination.
5. Mid-term objective and essay exam.
6. Final objective and essay examination.

### **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 paper
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Writing 20 - 50%
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**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

Skill Demonstrations  
0 - 0%

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

Multiple choice, matching items, essay exam

Exams  
40 - 75%

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

Attendance, class participation and reading

Other Category  
5 - 10%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Gendered Worlds. Aulette, Judy Root. Oxford University Press: 2009

The Gendered Society (3rd). Kimmel, Michael. Oxford University Press: 2007

Sex & Gender: An Introduction(6th). Lips, Hilary. McGraw-Hill: 2007

The Social Construction of Difference and Inequality: Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality (4th).

Ore, Tracy. McGraw-Hill: 2008

The Sociology of Gender. Wharton, Amy. Blackwell Publishing: 2005