



Nanchang University
SOSC18: Gender and Society I
(Last Updated in Jan. 2025)

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours)at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

Sociology is the study of societies, people, individuals, institutions, structures and belief systems. In particular, this course focuses on Sociology and gender, and is divided into two parts. Part 1 of this course examines gender and society through two central organizational lenses: a) the social construction of gender and b) the social intersection of gender. Through the first lens, the course will examine how gender is socially constructed by power structures. Through the second lens, the course will explore the relationship between gender and other social organizational groups and structures. The course aims to develop a more comprehensive, nuanced and critical examination of gender and society.

Required Textbook

Textbook: Gender: Ideas, Interactions, and Institutions (2nd ed.)

Author: Wade, L. & Ferree, M. M.

Grading

- Paper#1 15%
- Midterm 15%
- Presentation 10%
- Paper#2 30%
- Final Exam 30%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	



Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

The first half of the course: The Social Construction of Gender Identity

Class 2:

Social construct

Class 3:

Socialization

Class 4:

Social norms

Class 5:

Sexual reproduction

Class 6:

Femininity & masculinity

Class 7:

Social ordering/ hierarchy

Class 8:

Hegemony

Class 9:

Patriarchy

Class 10:

Dominant culture

Class 11:

White Privilege

Class 12:

Review for the midterm exam



Class 13:
Midterm exam

Class 14:
The second half of the course: The Social Intersection of Gender Sexuality

Class 15:
Class

Class 16:
Culture

Class 17:
Family

Class 18:
Race

Class 19:
Religion

Class 20:
Education

Class 21:
Law

Class 22:
Government

Class 23:
Family Relation

Class 24:
Final exam review

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on "Late Withdrawals"



In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.