

Brief Course Outline

Course Title:	Women and Politics	
Course Number and Section	POLISCI	2270E 550
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Course Description:

This course critically examines the relationship between gender and politics in both domestic and global contexts, with a focus on how women participate in, navigate, and shape political change. It examines women's political underrepresentation through an intersectional lens as well as the wide range of emancipatory struggles women have undertaken to achieve equality. This course is organized around three overarching themes: theory and foundations, electoral representation and political life, and global gender politics in conflict and security. Across all themes, the course emphasizes intersectionality, lived experience, and the diverse ways women engage in, and are impacted by, politics at every level.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Recognize sex/gender, sexuality, race, and class as socially constructed and mutually constituted relations of power that shape women's lived and material realities
Critically analyze women's political (under)representation and participation through an intersectional lens
Differentiate between and explain key theoretical perspectives and concepts covered in this course, including how they inform women's social and political activism and policy advocacy
Discuss the various ways women effect political change through formal and informal avenues in historical and contemporary contexts
Further develop written and oral communication skills as well as analytical and critical thinking skills

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Please see full course outline on BrightSpace

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Course Participation	TBD	20

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OpEd		15
Quiz		20
Critical Analysis		10
Critical Book Review		5
Critical Book Review		30

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In-course Costs \$125.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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