

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Gender and the International**

Course Number and Section:

POLISCI

3354G 550

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Course Description:

There are many ways to relate “gender” to the international. We can treat “gender” as an empirical category or as an analytical orientation. Doing both allows us to ask and answer all kinds of interesting questions about the world. This course takes as a starting point the idea that our conceptions and constructions of international and global issues are shaped by a range of gendered notions. As such, our ways of explaining and understanding issues in international politics tend to be reflective of dominant narratives and binary assumptions about masculinity and femininity. With this in mind, this course will explore different critical feminist and gender approaches to understanding the international, and in particular, issues relating to global conflict and insecurity.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) Demonstrate a critical understanding of the relationships between gender and the international.
- 2) Demonstrate a familiarity with different critical feminist and gender approaches to understanding conflict and insecurity.
- 3) Demonstrate an ability to articulate the difference between gender as an empirical category and gender as an analytical device.
- 4) Demonstrate analytical knowledge of contemporary topics and issues relating to gender and various international and global issues.
- 5) Demonstrate and convey these competencies in a clear, critical and reflexive communication style.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

- For the 'gender narratives' essay, you will choose an easily available novel or film from a provided list (final list TBD and will be posted on OWL).
- All other required readings will be available through our OWL course page & library access.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation to Feb 14	02/14/2024	10
Participation to April 8	04/08/2024	10
Reading Summary	Rolling	10
'Gender Narratives' Essay	02/28/2024	20
Issue Discussion Lead	Rolling	10
Research Proposal	03/13/2024	10
Capstone Research Paper	04/08/2024	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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