

Brief Course Outline

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| Course Title: | Women and Politics | |
| Course Number and Section: | POLISCI | 2270E 550 |
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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

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:

- 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:

All required readings for this course will be made available through OWL Brightspace. You will only need to borrow or purchase the book you choose for your critical book review (one from a list of titles that will be provided on the first day of class- books from this list range in price from approximately \$20-\$40).

Instructions: You are expected to purchase or borrow one of the following books for your critical book review assignment. Please note that all prices are approximate and subject to

change. Most, if not all, of the books below can also be purchased from Indigo and likely smaller bookstores as well. Older versions or used books are allowed.

Book choices (in alphabetical order by last name) include:

- 1) A Different kind of power: A Memoir by Jacinda Ardern
Cost: Hardcover \$42 on Amazon (or, \$18.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 2) Time and chance: The political memoirs of Canada's first woman Prime Minister By Kim Campbell
Cost: Paperback \$16.38 on Amazon (or, \$5.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 3) Can you hear me now? How I found my voice and learned to live with passion and purpose by Celina Caesar Chavannes
Cost: Hardcover \$19.99 on Amazon (or, \$13.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 4) The truths we hold: An American journey By Kamala Harris
Cost: Paperback \$27.99 on Amazon (or, \$12.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 5) Tomorrow will be different By Sarah McBride
Cost: Paperback \$20.84 on Amazon (or, \$14.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 6) Agent of change: My life fighting terrorists, spies, and institutional racism By Huda Mukbil
Cost: Hardcover \$34.95 on Amazon (or, \$14.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 7) Becoming by Michelle Obama
Cost: Paperback \$24.99 on Amazon (or, \$14.99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 8) Girls need not apply: Field notes from the forces By Kelly S. Thompson
Cost: Paperback \$24.95 on Amazon (or, \$14. 99 for e-book on Amazon)
- 9) "Indian" in the Cabinet: Speaking truth to power by Jody Wilson-Raybould
Cost: Paperback \$21 on Amazon (or, \$11.99 for e-book on Amazon)

Methods Of Evaluation:

| Assignment | Due Date mm/dd/yy | Weight - % |
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| Course Participation | | 20 |
| OpEd | | 15 |
| Quiz | 12/03/2025 | 20 |
| Critical Analysis Presentation | | 10 |
| Critical Book Review Proposal | | 5 |
| Critical Book Review | | 30 |

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