

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY SOC 225 – SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER (3 CR.)

Course Description

Analyzes influence of major social institutions and socialization in shaping and changing sex roles in contemporary society. Examines differential access to positions of public power and authority for men and women. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course will provide students with an understanding of how gender is socially and culturally shaped. Presents an overview of gender theory and research. Students will explore the ways in which men and women experience social life in contemporary society. The role of gender in various institutional structures, including law, education, religion and media are examined.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Ability to read in English at the college level.

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a) Distinguish between sex and gender.
- b) Recognize and discuss ways in which major social institutions are gendered.
- c) Cite connections between race, gender and class.
- d) Analyze personal experience of gender using sociological concepts.
- e) Recognize how personal and social experience may differ from that of others who are of a different class, gender or race.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) The difference between sex and gender
- b) Gender socialization
- c) Gender and the major social institutions, such as education, media, family, economy, justice, politics, military, religion, and health.
- d) The relationship between gender, race, and class

Extra Topics (Optional)

- Gender in different cultures
- Biological differences between men and women