



Course Description:

The overall aims of this course are to have students (a) ***examine the ways in which gender is socially constructed***; (b) ***explore the various interests and investments in these social constructions***; (c) ***explore how socially-constructed categories of difference such as race, class, and sexual orientation intersect with gender to shape group perspectives, experiences and relationships to social, economic, and institutional power***; (d) ***connect the course concepts to their own lives, work, and gendered positions*** and (e) ***Explore how gender roles may be reinforced or challenged in schools***.

The primary way we will explore these issues is through weekly readings and films, and short-answer quizzes. The readings and films are all on-line – there is no textbook for this class.

This course meets three times over the course of the semester, on Monday Jan. 27th, March 17th, April 28th from 3:50 - 6:20. The rest of the course is held on-line.