SOCI 281
The Sociology of Gender

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Course Description:
This course is an introduction to sociological perspectives on gender. It examines both the gendering of everyday social interactions and the role of gender in structuring major social institutions. Emphasis is placed on intersections between gender and other forms of social inequality.

Course Outcomes/Objectives:
This course will help students understand the significance of gender as a major organizing force in contemporary societies, especially in relation to issues of inequality. Students will also apply their sociological insights about gender to their own gendered lives, and will be expected to explore new perspectives about themselves and the world that they live in. The course also aims to provide students with a critical lens focused on gender that will enhance their future research, writing, and analytical skills.

Course Pre/Co-requisites and Recommendation(s):
No pre-requisites. Recommended prior to SOCI 382, SOCI 389, or SOCI 481.

Topics May Include:
Gendered bodies; transgender and non-binary genders; the relationship gender has with sex and sexuality, as well as with violence, politics, education and the media; how the dynamics of gender vary across time and cultures; how gender arises out of everyday interactions, and how it is shaped by larger institutions such as the family, work, education, and the state.

Required Resources May Include: