POLI 335 Gender and Politics

Instructor Fall 2021: Stacie Swain

Course delivery: In the Fall 2021 term, this course will be delivered on campus and face-to-face.

Course description:
This course examines how gender is a key aspect of the processes that have produced contemporary Western politics. Following a theoretical consideration of gender and politics, we will survey gendered relations throughout the rise of capitalism, imperialism, and colonization. Special attention will be paid to how gender norms shape politics at a range of scales from the body, through the nation-state, to the realm of the international and to feminist critiques of Eurocentric political ideas and institutions. Students should complete the course with the ability to think critically about how the categories of gender and politics are used to construct as well as contest unequal power relations.

Prerequisite: None

Course outcomes/objectives:
- Develop core undergraduate skills such as effective writing, analysis, and argumentation
- Explore theories of gender and how gendered relations (re)produce political formations
- Understand feminist approaches to the body, subjectivity, agency, and resistance
- Use insights from the course to analyze contemporary political developments

Topics may include:
The intersection of gender with race, sex, and class
Black, Indigenous, Women of Colour, Third World, and Anti-Capitalist feminisms
Political concepts such as: sovereignty, property, law, public/private, and democracy
Strategies of refusal, disobedience, and subversion

This summary provides an overall sense of the course and is not considered an official course outline. Detailed course outlines will be available for all registered students on the first day of class.