

Girlhood in Contemporary Contexts

ANTH/SOCI 2060

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Course Delivery	Lecture with tutorials. In person
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to issues and themes in Girlhood Studies, an important scholarly field and critical orientation. Drawing on anthropological and sociological perspectives, we will explore girls' lives in diverse cultural, political, economic, historical, and social contexts. The aim of the course is to understand girlhood as a site of competing narratives and, at the same time, as an experiential process that is grounded in historical and discursive contexts and situated within and beyond borders. The first half of the course examines conceptual and theoretical issues while the second half of the course will consider substantive issues that display the complex, fluid, and multidimensional aspects of girlhood for girls in the global North and South. Key themes may include education, identities, queer girlhood, activism, racialized girlhood, Indigenous girlhood, disability, sexuality, sustainable development and girls' lives, and girlhood in a time of pandemic

EVALUATION

Element 1: Attendance and Participation	10%
Element 2: Weekly Critical Questions	20%
Element 3: Two Quizzes	20% each
Element 4: Critical Review of Two Articles	30%

TEXT: Readings available on ARES