

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**ANTHROPOLOGY AND GENDER
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Method of Delivery: In-person Tuesdays 11:35-14:25 pm.

In this course, you are expected to learn from your texts, your teacher and from one another. This requires striving towards understanding each other but it does not imply striving towards finding agreement. Our class will be racially, religiously, politically, culturally, generationally, and economically diverse. We will be of different gender identifications and sexual orientations and our lived experiences and reactions to the course material will reflect this diversity. Sharing our perspectives and interpretations on the course material will enhance everyone's learning experience and you are encouraged to openly express any disagreements with the authors you will read, with your fellow classmates, or with the professor in the different participation fora that are available for this course. However, you are expected to conduct yourself in such a way that shows the utmost respect to others who may – or may not – share your views. Derogatory comments and hateful behavior towards others (and their views) will not be tolerated.

Carleton University acknowledges the location of its campus on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin nation. In doing so, Carleton acknowledges it has a responsibility to the Algonquin people and a responsibility to adhere to Algonquin cultural protocols.

Course Description:

Welcome! This course introduces students to the anthropological approaches to gender. Students will begin by learning how Anthropology engaged with feminisms from a historical perspective. Then, they will examine what has become the development of feminist anthropology, with particular attention to important theories, themes of study, and debates within the field. Among the themes of study, students will explore gender in relation to anthropological methods, like ethnographic work. As well, students will have the opportunity to engage in debates associated with gender and social construction, male dominance, queer identities, Indigenous feminisms, work, migration, globalization, and the intersectionalities of race, ethnicity, class, sex, sexuality and nationality. The course will conclude by analyzing feminist anthropology and its future implications.

Course Objectives:

- Learn about gender and its relation to cultural diversity.
- Evaluate how people distinguish themselves among genders in their beliefs and practices.
- Explore significant concepts, debates, and contributions of feminist anthropology, like Indigenous feminisms.
- Understand how cultural norms about gender and sexuality impact/shape people's lives.
- Analyze how gender articulates with other forms of difference such as race, ethnicity, sex, sexuality, class, and nationality.
- Improve students' analytical research, as well as reading, discussion, writing and presentation skills.

Reading (s)/Textbook (s):

All materials will be freely available on Brightspace.

Course Requirements & Methods of evaluation:

Reading Responses	— 30% (Best 3 out of 4)
Class Participation	— 20%
Discussion Questions	— 10% (5 Discussion Questions)
Final Project	— 40%
Research Draft Proposal	— 15% (October 15)
Take-Home Exam	— 25% (December 21)