

## SOAN\*2400 - Introduction to Gender Systems

### Summer 2024 Course Outline

Section: SD

Credits: 0.50

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## Land Acknowledgement: Guelph

The University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer respect to our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Métis neighbours. Today, this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and acknowledging them reminds us of our important connection to this land where we work and learn.

## Calendar Description

An introduction to the examination of the characteristics of gender relationships both historically and cross-culturally. Amongst the emphases are theoretical approaches to gender analysis, methodologies, case studies and attention to themes such as class and stratification, race and ethnicity, identities and global restructuring as these shape gender dynamics.

**Prerequisite(s):** 1 of ANTH\*1150, IDEV\*1000, SOC\*1100

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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## Method of Delivery

This course is a fully interactive online course and requires disciplined time management. To successfully complete this course, it is essential that you begin work as of the first week of the course and participate regularly throughout the semester. You will be required to access the course website frequently (at least three times per week). Your ability to participate online regularly is critical to your success in this course.

**Course start date:** Thursday, May 9, 2024

**Course end date:** Thursday, June 20, 2024

## Course Description

This 6-week course will provide you with an introduction to critically engage with the concept of gender and to understand how gender becomes the basis for differences and discrimination, and to bring about social change. It will also focus on how to study gender and the ways in which gender relations are shaped by and shape key social, cultural and economic institutions and processes such as family/ household, education, markets and politics. As we live in a globalized world, there will be a cross-cultural aspect to the course.

Further, the concept of intersectionality is key to understanding gender, which means that we must consider gender in relation to other identities - race, class, sexuality, dis/ability, etc. - in order to explore how these all work together within social life.

## Course Learning Outcomes

1. Critically engage with concepts, contexts and processes of social identities;
2. Read and assess scholarly articles, in terms of their argument, assumptions, benefits, and limitations;
3. Produce academic writing that is critical, analytical, and reflective of your own interests and ideas;
4. Engage in (and enjoy!) critical thinking about the social world that you exist within and reflect on how the complexities of gender can be understood, questioned, embraced, resisted, and changed.