

SOC*4170 Violence against Women and Gendered Violence

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Course Description

This seminar focuses on violence against women and gendered violence. It starts from the premise that violence against women and gendered violence are the products of historical and institutional inequalities linked to structural and symbolic processes. The aim of the course is to introduce students to feminist, intersectional and critical race perspectives on gender and violence in Canadian, international, and global contexts. Throughout, we will pay attention to the role of gender not only as an identity, but as a social structure that intersects with other structures of inequality to shape women's experiences of violence and their interactions with state institutions, including legal and judicial institutions. At the same time, we will examine the role of feminist activism against violence against women and its impact on laws and policies. The course places an emphasis on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA individuals.

This course is interactive – each class has a lecture component that will focus on the readings and small in-class & virtual exercises and in-class & virtual discussions geared towards the application of the course material to your own experience and to Canadian and global contexts. You must come prepared to participate.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- use feminist, intersectional, critical race, and sociological perspectives to understand violence in society, with a focus on violence against women and gendered violence
- analyze how the intersection of structures of inequality like gender, race, class, sexuality and nationality shapes women's experiences of violence
- analyze empirical research on violence against women and activism against it in Canada and globally
- critically reflect on the role of state institutions in challenging or sustaining violence against women and gendered violence Canadian society and globally
- develop critical reading and writing skills to demonstrate both the ability to comprehend course materials and apply them to everyday life

Prerequisites: 14 credits, including SOC*2700 or SOC*3310, SOAN*3120 or POLS*3650.

Restrictions: Restricted to students in BAH: CJPP and BAH: SOC with an average of 70% in all course attempts in Political Science, Sociology, and SOAN courses.

Textbooks and Other Materials

There is one **required** book for this course:

Graff, Gerald, and Cathy Birkenstein. 2018. *They Say / I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing, 4th edition*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company. There is an e-book (360 days access) and a hard copy option for the book. Choose wisely – I think this is a book that can be of great use beyond 360 days.

Additional required readings will be available through CourseLink.

Evaluation Components

This course has different evaluation components, including ongoing participation in class discussions and presentations, reading responses, and a final assignment.