

**Rutgers University
Department of Psychology
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Course Syllabus: PSY 362:B3, Psychology of Sex & Gender

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Number of Credits: 3

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course examines biopsychosocial theories of sex differences and conceptions of gender. Topics include history & theoretical perspectives on gender, differentiation of sex versus gender, gender similarities, conformity, stereotypes, social roles, masculinity, sexism, feminism, media influence, body image, gender violence, beauty standards, sex, cognition, emotion and communication.

COURSE WEBSITE Available on Sakai. If you are properly registered you should have access.

GRADING POLICY

1. Participation / Attendance	5%
2. Conformity Assignment	5%
3. Tests	75%
4. Paper/Presentations	15%

A = 90-100%	C = 70-76%
B+ = 87-89%	D+ = 67-69%
B = 80-86%	D = 60-66%
C+ = 77-79%	F = Below 60

ATTENDANCE 5% of your final grade

If you're a NJ resident this course is costing you \$50 per class (~\$110 for non-residents); that's a lot of money to waste. You paid to be here, so be here. Missing classes will negatively impact this portion of your grade.

CONFORMITY ASSIGNMENT 5% of your final grade

Assignment instructions online. Due Tuesday, June 21, 2016. Submit via sakai AND bring a paper copy to class.

TESTS 75% of your final grade

I will give three tests based on your reading and material covered in class. Tests are closed notes.

PAPER/ PRESENTATIONS 15% of your grade

Choose a topic related to Sex & Gender that interests you. Write an 8-10 page (double spaced, 1" margins, 12 pt font, Times New Roman font) literature review about the topic. Use peer-reviewed articles (at least 5) as references. You should include a reference list (does not count in space limitations) as well as in-text citations in APA format. All papers are due on Thursday, June 30. Submit it via sakai AND bring a printed copy to class

READING: Readings will be posted on sakai. Readings are included in the exam content and may be discussed or reviewed in class.

LATE POLICY & MAKE UP POLICY

Late work will not be accepted. I do not allow make-up exams unless an extreme circumstance occurs **and** the student is able to get an excused absence from the Dean of Students office. No exceptions.

CHEATING & PLAGIARISM:

I will not tolerate plagiarism or cheating without exception. **A first offense will be reported on your college record and will result in the failure of the class. Consider this your warning.**

I cannot help you if you make the conscious decision to cheat or plagiarize.

Actual student excuse for plagiarism:

“But the question asked for a definition and an example. I just used the definition or example given in the slideset or textbook. I don’t understand how this is considered plagiarism.”

It is plagiarism when you copy something word for word or if you copy something and only change a few words or take someone else’s idea and act as though it is your own. When I ask you for examples or definitions, they should always be **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**. I’m looking to see if you understand a concept, so I want you to explain it to me. When you simply regurgitate what is written in the text or the slideset or on a website, I have no way to gauge whether or not you understand what we just covered. I periodically check answers of ALL students for plagiarism.

Example:

1. What is the definition of toplofty?

Plagiarized answer from online dictionary: very superior in air or attitude

Answer in your own words for full credit: Someone who is toplofty acts as though they are better than everyone else.

Schedule may change

Date	Topic
Tuesday, May 31	Sex vs Gender
Wednesday, June 1	Theories
Thursday, June 2	NO CLASS
Monday, June 6	Sexism
Tuesday, June 7	Feminism
Wednesday June 8	Relationships & Sex
Thursday June 9	Work-Family Divide
Monday, June 13	TEST 1
Tuesday, June 14	Stereotyping
Wednesday, June 15	Differences
Thursday, June 16	Cognition & Emotion
Monday, June 20	NO CLASS
Tuesday, June 21	Conformity, Leadership & Backlash Conformity Assignment Due
Wednesday, June 22	Harassment, Aggression, Violence
Thursday, June 23	Tough Guise & Masculinity
Monday, June 27	TEST 2
Thursday, June 28	Beauty and Body
Wednesday, June 29	Miss Representation
Thursday, June 30	Media and (Catch-up) ALL PAPERS DUE
Monday July 4	No Class
Tuesday July 5	Presentations
Wednesday July 6	Presentations
Thursday July 7	TEST 3