

SOC 214 : Introduction to Gender & Sexuality

This course is an introduction to the study of sex, gender, and sexuality. We will use both a psychological and sociological lens to examine differences between sex, gender, and sexuality. We will explore how gender and sexuality exist today, how they have changed over time and place, and their centrality in how we experience the world around us. We will focus on the social processes, structures, and institutions that influence, and are influenced by, gender across cultures. That is, we will examine how gender and beliefs about gender affect: parenting and home life; educational experiences and achievements; friendships and romantic relationships; experiences in the workplace, military, and sports; media; and political and economic systems. To this end, we will critically examine the interconnections between gender, sexuality, power and inequality. (Cross listed with WST 211)

Credits 3