

Psychology D18  
Psychology of Gender  
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**Required Text:** Walsh, M.R. (1997). *Women, men and gender: Ongoing debates*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

**Policy and Procedures:** During the first half of the term, classes will meet weekly for lectures on various topics pertaining to gender as illustrated in major research areas within social, cognitive and evolutionary psychology. An essay format midterm examination based on lectures and assigned text readings will be scheduled on October 21st.

The balance of the term will comprise student presentations on individual topics chosen by each class member. Students are encouraged to select their own topics within the area of gender psychology but a general list of feasible topics will be made available by the instructor. These presentations will form the basis of a term paper to be handed in at the end of term. The seminar presentations and term papers are intended to provide students with the opportunity to explore a topic of interest in greater depth.

**Evaluation:** There are four components to the final grade, each weighted as follows:

Midterm Exam (October 21):	35%
Term Paper (due December 2)	35%
Seminar Presentation (TBA)	20%
Participation in class	10%

**Lecture Schedule**

September 16:	Introduction and Historical Overview
September 23:	Sex, Gender, Masculinity and Femininity: Issues in Biological and Behavioral Differentiation
September 30:	Cognitive Sex Differences: Issues and Evidence
October 7:	Mating Preferences, Mate Selection and Pairbonding: Theoretical Perspectives
October 14:	Gender Issues in Mental Health Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment
October 21:	Midterm Exam