

**Psychology D18
Psychology of Gender**

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Course Overview

In the first part of the term, we will consider different issues pertaining to gender as illustrated in several major research areas within social psychology. There will be a term examination (essay format) on the required reading and class material from the first part of the term.

In the second part of the term, each class member will give an individual seminar presentation and write a term paper on a debate topic to be chosen from a subset of the topics in Mary Roth Walsh's book, Women, Men and Gender: Ongoing Debates. The list of topics will be indicated by Prof. Dion early in the term along with more detailed information about the format for the seminar presentation and the paper. Both these components of the course provide an opportunity for you to examine a topic in greater depth.

Evaluation

There is a term examination on the required reading and on material presented in class. In addition, as mentioned above, there is a class presentation and a paper. Since this is a seminar, students are expected to take part in class discussion throughout the term. Each of these components is weighted as follows:

Term examination (October 26 during the class period): 35%
Class presentation: 20%
Paper: 25% (due one week after your class presentation)
Participation in class discussion: 20%

Texts

You should purchase the text edited by Mary Roth Walsh, Women, Men and Gender: Ongoing Debates. (2nd edition). Publisher: Yale University Press. This text is available in the Scarborough Campus Bookstore. The other required reading is on reserve in the Bladen Library: Women, Gender and Social Psychology. Editors: V. E. O'Leary, R.K. Unger and B. Wallston. Publisher: Lawrence Erlbaum.