

**Psychology D18H3
Psychology of Gender
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Course Overview

In the first part of the term, we will consider several general issues pertaining to the psychology of gender (historical perspectives, methodology, theoretical frameworks). There will be a term examination (essay format) on the required reading and class material from the first part of the term (see list of required reading and class schedule).

In the second part of the term, each class member will give an individual seminar presentation and write a paper on a topic to be chosen from a list provided by Prof. Dion. The list of topics will be distributed early in the term along with more detailed information about the format for the seminar presentation. These components of the course provide an opportunity for you to examine a topic pertaining to the psychology of gender in depth.

In addition to your own class presentation and paper, each class member will be a seminar commentator/discussion leader for **one** of the seminars when you are not doing your own class presentation. The role of the commentators is to talk briefly about interesting issues raised by each presentation that week and to raise questions to the rest of the group for discussion. Each week a few people will sign up to be commentators for that week. The sign-up sheet for commentators will be handed out once the seminar presentation schedule is ready.

Please check your e-mail regularly for any class announcements. E-mail from you concerning this course should be sent from your University of Toronto e-mail address.

Evaluation

There is a term examination on the required reading and material presented in class. In addition, as mentioned above, there is a class presentation and a paper. Finally, each student is a commentator during one of the seminar presentation sessions as discussed above.

Each of the components is weighted as follows:

Term examination (October 20 during the class period): 35%
Seminar presentation: 25%
Paper: 30% (Due one week after your seminar presentation)
Seminar commentator/discussant: 10%

