

# SHS 322 : Gender and Society

Gender and Society explores both “sex” and “gender” from a sociological perspective. We will examine and critique a variety of social institutions that produce, maintain, and enforce these categories as well as investigate how they are connected to social stratification and structures of race/ethnicity, socio-economic class, and sexualities. The course will investigate the lives of transgender individuals as well as various theories of sexual orientation. Central to the course is a focus on how an active, informed sociological imagination can promote a better understanding of the forces that shape our “individual” gendered lives.

**Credits** 4

**Prerequisites**

[SHS 101](#) or [WGS 111](#)

**Semester Offered**

Offered spring of even-numbered years