

Economics and Gender Inequality

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2503878 Sociocultural Studies of Gender	OB	2	2

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Prerequisites

There are no formal pre-requisites for this course but is highly recommended that students make an effort to get familiarized with basic economic analysis through accessible sources, such as for instance the economic media.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The general objective of the course is that students understand the relation between the Economy and gender inequality, and to what extent gender inequality is the result of economic inequalities between women and men.

Concrete objectives are:

1. Understanding the mechanisms through which economic inequality is constructed and reproduced. In particular, the educative system, the labor market (occupational segregation, wage gap), unpaid domestic work, and Public expenditure.
2. Knowing the statistical sources that provide information on the different variables used in the course.
3. Knowing and correctly interpreting the demographic and economic indicators and methods more commonly used to measure inequalities in living standards and wellbeing.

Competences

- Formulate, argue and discuss your own and others' ideas in a respectful, critical and reasoned way.
- Identify the basic legal concepts, legislation and jurisprudence related to the rights of the collectives affected by gender inequalities.
- Incorporate the non-androcentric perspective in the work carried out.
- Participate in the preparation, implementation and dissemination of equality policies in the economic sphere (budgets, work organization, structural inequality) and in the labor market (salaries, promotion, conciliation).
- Students can apply the knowledge to their own work or vocation in a professional manner and have the powers generally demonstrated by preparing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.

- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Contextualize the social facts and the legal repercussions related to gender equality from a historical point of view.
2. Identify specific indicators of welfare that allow the elaboration of public policies.
3. Incorporate the non-androcentric perspective in the work carried out.
4. Integrate the gender perspective in the preparation of a budget.
5. Interpret labor standards, doctrine and jurisprudence with a gender perspective.
6. Prepare an organized and correct speech, orally and in writing, in the corresponding language.
7. Propose solutions to the issues raised with the Equality Law.
8. Students can apply the knowledge to their own work or vocation in a professional manner and have the powers generally demonstrated by preparing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.
9. Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.
10. Use instruments to alleviate or reverse inequalities in the workplace.
11. Use the specific technical vocabulary and own interpretation of the required disciplines.

Content

1. Introduction. Feminist Economics and its antecedents.
2. Quantitative and qualitative sources to understand the economic basis of Gender Inequality
3. The economy, family and inter-generational transfersa.
 - a. The evolution of the family and changes in the use of time of women and men.
 - b. How do economic changes affect marriage, formation of new households, and fecundity?
 - c. Relation between household composition, by age and gender, and poverty.
 - d. Composition by age and gender of populations.
 - e. Transfers of goods and services to the dependent population: through the public sector and through families.
 - f. Gender differences in demand and supply services to the dependent populations.
 - g. Demographic planning and the demand of goods and services.
4. Gender Responsive Budgeting.
 - a. The fiscal system and the reproduction of gender inequality.
 - b. Public expenditure, public services and the reduction of gender inequality
5. Education and labor markets
 - a. An historical overview until the present day.
 - b. Post-compulsory education: the origin of labor market segmentation.
 - c. Gender differences in the transition to the labor market
 - d. Gender differences in the development of a professional career: the problem of discontinuity.
 - e. Future perspectives.
6. The feminization of poverty: causes and policies to reduce it
 - a. Occupational segregation.
 - b. The wage gap.
 - c. Inequalities in the non-wage components of income.

7. Economic policies to reduce/eliminate gender inequality

- a. Fiscal and public expenditure policies: public services.
- b. Equal share of unpaid domestic work: equal and non-transferable parental leave.
- c. Part-time work for women only is not the solution.

Methodology

Four complementary learning activities:

1. Lectures.
2. In-class discussion
3. Individual work by the students (reading and information search)
4. Tutorials

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
classes	48	1.92	6, 2, 3, 4, 9, 8, 11
Type: Supervised			
tutorials	10	0.4	6, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11
Type: Autonomous			
A written essay based on recommended readings, to be presented in class.	43	1.72	6, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 10
reading and studying	49	1.96	6, 9, 8, 11

Assessment

The assessment of the course is composed of one short essay worth 10% of the final course mark, a midterm exam and a final exam. The midterm exam weights 40% of the final mark. The final exam weights 50% of the course mark. The written essay will be based on recommended readings, and will be presented in class.

Re-sitting exam. Those students with a final mark between 4 and 4.9 can re-sit. The maximum mark for this exam will be 5.

Students will get a NO PAPER only if and when they have done no midterm exam.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
A written essay based on recommended readings, to be presented in class.	10% of the final mark	0	0	1, 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 8, 11, 10

final exam	50% of the final mark	0	0	6, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 10
mid-term exam	40% of the final mark	0	0	1, 6, 2, 3, 4, 9, 8, 11, 10

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