

Gender Sociology

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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: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

None

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject intends to introduce students into the main currents of Sociology focusing on gender analysis, understanding how gender inequality is reflected in life in society and how public powers promote positive changes and actions to promote gender equity.

The training objectives are:

- To train students in the main currents of Sociology that focus on the social approach to gender;
- Get to know the most relevant concepts that allow the analysis of the relationships of gender inequality from the sociological perspective;
- Problematicize social inequalities from a gender perspective;
- Get in contact with the specific indicators that allow an evaluation of gender inequality, at both a global and a local level;
- Apply the theoretical frame to the construction of gender indicators;
- Historically systematize gender equality policies from a Global and local perspective;
- Analyse public policies for the promotion of gender equality;
- Bring students closer to a feminist perspective of public policies;
- Point out examples of gender equality plans at a municipal level;
- Deepen the knowledge about gender bias in public policies;

Know the elements for the design of public policies of gender equality.

Competences

- Express correctly and in a non-sexist or homophobic manner both orally and in writing.

- Formulate, argue and discuss your own and others' ideas in a respectful, critical and reasoned way.
- Incorporate the non-androcentric perspective in the work carried out.
- Interpret and explain the history of gender relations, the significance of differences and the processes of generating inequalities in a context of globalization.
- Interpret gender inequalities in relation to sexuality, class, ethnicity and territory based on the concepts and approaches of sociocultural analysis.
- Propose and analyze the results of gender policies and plans of equality and equity in institutions, companies, public, private and non-governmental organizations.
- Proposing corrective actions of the violences that trigger the types and degrees of discrimination on the basis of sex, gender and sexual orientation.
- 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 develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze the impact of the application of social policies with a gender perspective.
2. Analyze theoretically ethnographic examples of cultural diversity in the fields of education, gender and inclusion-exclusion systems.
3. Compare the different theoretical approaches on the social structure with a gender perspective.
4. Define the concepts necessary to understand the social structure in terms of gender.
5. Distinguish the effects of the sex and gender variables in the empirical analyzes.
6. Identify situations of gender inequality in different areas (legal, labor, educational, family) and provide proposals for action to combat them.
7. Make an inclusive use of language.
8. Prepare an organized and correct speech, orally and in writing, in the corresponding language.
9. 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.
10. Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
11. Use the specific technical vocabulary and own interpretation of the required disciplines.

Content

Block 1 - Introduction to Sociology of gender: Key concepts and main sociological currents

a) Key concepts

1. The construction of femininity and masculinity
2. Gender, body and sexuality
3. Socialization in gender
4. Gender roles: work and family

b) Main sociological currents

1. Functionalist perspective
2. Symbolic interactionism
3. Conflict theory
4. Feminist sociological theory

Block 2 - Gender inequality and public policies

a) Social Indicators of gender inequality

1. Introduction social inequalities from a gender perspective: access, quality and results in health, education, employability, participation, economy and uses of time;
2. Gender indicators: Conceptualization, construction and scope;
3. Construction of gender indicators: from the World Bank to the European Institute for Gender Equality;
4. The Index of gender inequality and inequality at the Global level
5. Global indicators, in Europe, in Spain and in Catalonia

b) Brief history of gender equality public policies

1. The Beijing Conference
2. Equality Policies around the World: Equality Act; the Nordic countries and the Mediterranean countries;
3. The construction of the European social model and the role of women;
4. Development of equality policies in Spain and Catalonia

c) Analysis of gender equality public policies

1. The need for Gender Equality policies and the integration of Gender mainstreaming into policies;
2. Gender mainstreaming - Regulatory framework
3. Feminist Approach to the Development of Public Policies in Europe
4. The Welfare State and the Equality Policies
5. Municipal Equality Plans

d) Analysis of gender bias in equality public policies

1. The invisibility of women's problems
2. The duality between public and private
3. Care work and invisible markets
4. Gender bias in the policies for employment
5. Gender bias in health policies

e) Elements for the design of equality public policies

1. Implementation phases of equality policies: Diagnosis, design, monitoring and evaluation of indicators
2. Design of local policies for Gender Equality in the health field
3. Design of policies of gender equality in the educational field

Methodology

Master classes

Discussions and comments of texts in the classroom

Readings (in Spanish, Catalan and English)

Group projects

Individual papers

Reflection journals

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lessons and seminars	50	2	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11
Type: Supervised			

Tutorial	10	0.4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 6, 10, 9, 11
Type: Autonomous			
Reading and comprehension, study, team work	90	3.6	1, 2, 5, 8, 7, 6, 10, 9, 11

Assessment

Students must provide the following evidence:

1) Individual papers - (Total 40%)

Completion of 2 individual papers during the course, corresponding to each block.

The weight of each paper is 20% of the final evaluation (Total 40%)

At the beginning of the course, the appropriate guidelines will be given

2) Group projects - (Total 40%)

Completion of 4 group work during the course.

The weight of each projects is 10% of the final evaluation

These projects will be carried out on the practical application of the contents of the course, such as the analysis of press clippings, the analysis of equality plans or the reflection on specific public policies

3) Class participation - (Total 10%)

Participation in debates, answering to questions and participation in moments of reflection represent 10% of the final evaluation;

4) Participation in Journal entries in Moodle platform (Total 10%)

Students are expected to write 4 entries in the moodle platform's journal on topics that are being discussed in class and that will be defined throughout the course. The weight of each entry will be 2.5%

5) Definition of Not submitted: The student doesn't submit any individual paper and doesn't participate in group projects

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Classroom and moodle participation	20	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 6, 10, 9, 11
Individual works	40	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 6, 10, 9, 11
Team wok	40	0	0	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 7, 6, 10, 9, 11

Bibliography

Compulsory bibliography

At the beginning of the course, a list of compulsory readings will be offered.

Recommended bibliography

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