

# The University of Western Ontario Sociology 2212B:

# Third World Women: Gender and Development

UWO, Section 001
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Class Session: Office Hours:

Thursdays, 9:30 to 12:20 SSC 2020 Tuesdays 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

# **Course Description:**

This course is designed to be an introduction to the field of gender and development. As such, it will survey a range of issues faced by women in Third World nations, including: the political economy of underdevelopment, feminist analysis of development issues, the sexual division of labour, women's survival strategies, population issues, and women's relationship with the environment.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology 1020, 1021E, 1025A/B, 1026F/G, 1027A/B.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

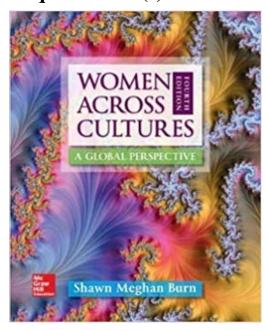
Antirequisite(s): The former Women's Studies 261F/G if taken between 1998-2004.

# **Learning Outcomes:**

When students have completed this course, they should be able to:

- **✓** Recognize gender inequality as a historical, sociocultural phenomenon
- ✓ identify and explain the commonalities that women around the world share while recognizing diversity among women
- √ recognize that the analysis of women across cultures is both contextual and intersectional
- ✓ identify global women's and gender studies as being about activism and empowerment
- ✓ see women's rights as human rights

# **Required Text(s):**



*Women Across Cultures: A Global Perspective, 4th Edition* by Shawn Meghan Burn, New York: McGraw-Hill Education (2019).

There may be additional readings posted on the OWL site.

## **Evaluation:**

Country Development Report 26% (see the OWL course site)

Midterm Exam 37% (due February 17)

Final Exam 37% per UWO exam schedule

# **Country Development Report:**

The details for the Country Development Report Assignment will be posted on the OWL site for the course.

#### Exams:

The exams for this class will be a combination of multiple choice (70% of the exam grade) and essay (30% of the exam grade). Computer-marked multiple-choice exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. No electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

The final exam will be scheduled during the examination period. The final exam is NOT CUMULATIVE and focuses primarily on the material covered in the second half of the course; however, some questions may relate to earlier material (i.e. concepts that are re-examined in the second half of the course).

# Course delivery with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic

Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in-person, the changing COVID-19 landscape may necessitate some or all of the course to be delivered online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

When deemed necessary, tests and examinations in this course will be conducted using a remote proctoring service. By taking this course, you are consenting to the use of this software and acknowledge that you will be required to provide personal information (including some biometric data) and the session will be recorded. Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the technical requirements for this service. More information about this remote proctoring service, including technical requirements, is available on Western's Remote Proctoring website at: https://remoteproctoring.uwo.ca.

#### **How to Contact Me:**

The best way to contact me is via email.

# How to get important information:

Please check the announcements for the course and check the OWL site for the course regularly.

# **Important Policies**

#### A Note on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

## Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

#### Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:

Laptops are permitted in class at the discretion of the professor for note taking or any other purpose approved by the professor. If, however, they are used for personal purposes during class time (Facebook, e-mail, web surfing, gaming, etc.) the privilege of using laptops may be withdrawn. Using laptops is a privilege, not a right.

Cellphones and similar devices, must be turned *OFF* (not just vibrate) during classes unless specific permission is sought for emergency purposes in a given class. Text messaging and Twittering are not permitted during class.

# Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/accommodation\_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/academic\_consideration.html

# Academic Consideration for Student Absences

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the on-line Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less. Students will be able to use two self-reported absences between September and April.

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/accommodation\_illness.pdf

# Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website: <a href="https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated\_exams.html">www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated\_exams.html</a>

## Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\_policies/appeals/scholastic\_discipline\_undergrad.pdf

#### Mental Health

Students who are in <a href="mailto:emotional/mental\_distress">emotional/mental\_distress</a> should refer to Mental Health@Western (<a href="http://uwo.ca/health/mental\_wellbeing/index.html">http://uwo.ca/health/mental\_wellbeing/index.html</a>) for a complete list of options how to obtain help

#### **General Course Outline**

PLEASE NOTE: Ideally, reading assignments should be done before you come to class in order to get the most out of lectures. The required text for the course is designated as Burn below.

Jan 13 Introduction to Sociology 2212B

READING: No Assigned Readings

Jan 20 Introduction to Global Women's Studies

READING: Burn, Ch. 1:2-23

Jan 27 Women's Lower Status and Power

READING: Burn, Ch. 2:24-57

Feb 3 Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights

READING: Burn, Ch. 3:58-91

Feb 10 Women's Sexuality and Sexual Rights

READING: Burn, Ch. 4:92-119

Feb 17 Mid-Term Exam

Feb 24 Reading Week

March 3 Women's Work

READING: Burn, Ch. 5:120-165

March 10 Women, Development, and Environmental Sustainability

READING: Burn, Ch. 6:166-201

March 17 Women and Globalization

READING: Burn, Ch. 7:202-235

March 24 Women and Religion

READING: Burn, Ch. 8:236-Oxfam Report 2020: Time to Care

March 31 Women and Politics

READING: Burn, Ch. 9:286-329

**April 7** Women's Movements

READING: Burn, Ch. 10:330-369

**April 10-30 Final Examination Period**