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Welcome
Hi everyone! I am excited to be working with you this semester as we explore the concepts and theories related to the study of gender within psychology. This is quite an important topic these days and I think that the college classroom is the best space to examine this topic safely and respectfully and how it relates to our everyday lived experiences.

Bio
Dr. Rachel Bradley is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. After completing her PhD in social psychology at Saint Louis University in 2014, Dr. Bradley taught psychology for six years at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Dr. Bradley’s research interests include exploring racial/ethnic and sexual identity and identification and examining colorism (a.k.a. skin tone bias), stereotyping, stigma, and prejudice. In addition to these interests, Dr. Bradley also studies topics related to the scholarship of teaching and learning. Dr. Bradley’s teaching interests include research methods, social psychology, psychology of gender, multicultural psychology, and group dynamics. Dr. Bradley enjoys spending time with her husband and dogs, Wally and ThudButt.

Teaching Philosophy
I have spent considerable time developing and honing my skills as an educator. My philosophy of teaching is to cultivate curriculum that spur original thought to produce well-rounded students equipped to examine critically their social world. I come to each class with a thoughtful perspective and the goal to do my best to provide the students who come into my classroom with knowledge and thought-provoking experiences. I want everyone who comes into my classroom to leave changed for the better.

How to Succeed in This Course
This course requires much reading, writing, and viewing the Blackboard content. Successful students will be those who do the following:
✔ READ THE SYLLABUS THOROUGHLY!
✔ Devote enough time to reading and writing for the class. It will be a lot of work!
✔ Check Blackboard frequently for announcements and assignments.
✔ Complete all assigned reading and writing assignments.
✔ Prepare course materials in advance for studying for the unit essays.
✔ Complete and return all assignments by the deadline – late assignments will be penalized (see late assignment policy).
✔ Engage in class activities and discussions.

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✓ Write full sentences with few if any spelling or grammatical errors in writing assignments.
✓ Follow all instructions carefully.
✓ Take advantage of the services offered by the writing center and library reference librarians.
✓ ABOVE ALL BE RESPONSIBLE!

Communicating with the instructor
SIUE Email is my preferred method of contact. I have purposely disabled Blackboard messaging for this course. Please use my email address or call my office phone number to reach me about the course. I will respond to email within 48 hours of receiving the message. I will be checking email between 8AM-4PM during weekdays. Please contact me only via SIUE email.

Course description
Psychological and cultural history of gender, changing sex roles, socialization, sexuality, issues related to mental health, stereotyping, cognition. Same as WMST 305.

Prerequisite knowledge and credit hours
PSYC 111
Three credit hours

Course goals and objectives
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Summarize key psychological concepts related to the topic of gender.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of how principles of the theories and concepts related to the aforementioned topic apply to everyday life.
3. Compare and contrast multiple psychological theories and concepts related to the topic of gender.
4. Understand the influence of psychological factors such as culture, socialization, and individual perception on gender and related topics.

Course textbook

Undergraduate and Graduate students can rent textbooks from SIUE. Please visit the Textbook Service website for more information. For off-campus classes, the textbook may be shipped to you. Look for the option “Off-Campus Classes have special instructions, click here for these.” Note: shipping time may take up to two weeks.

Other course materials
Additional readings may be assigned.

Course requirements

Course activities/assessments
Assignments are posted in Blackboard throughout the semester and will be due online at the scheduled date and time. This information can be found on the schedule presented in this syllabus. Specific instructions for each assignment can be found in Blackboard. It is your responsibility to make sure that all assignments are completed and turned in on time. I will not post or give verbal reminders. Work turned in after the scheduled date and time is considered late work.

Submitting work
Students will submit all work in Blackboard via specific submission links for coursework. Emailed assignments will not be accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the instructor.

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Online class behavior

- **Reflect** before you post an emotional response and reread what you have written to be sure it is professional. Communicate as if your comments are printed in a newspaper.
- **Communicate** effectively.
  - Do not use all caps or multiple punctuation marks (!!!, ???, etc.).
  - Be sure to define or explain acronyms, jargon or uncommon terms so everyone can understand and participate in the discussion.
- **Sign your name.** Take responsibility for your comments in order to build a strong classroom community.
- **Foster community.** Share your ideas and contribute to ongoing discussions. Make comments that add to, not detract from, a positive learning environment for the course.
- **Be constructive.** Challenge ideas and the course content, but do so in positive ways. It’s fine to disagree, but when done politely you stimulate and encourage helpful discussion, and you maintain positive relationships with fellow students.
- **Keep the conversation on topic.** Online dialogue is like conversation. If there is a particular dialogue going on, please add to it, but if you have something new to say, start a new thread.

Technology requirements

Technical requirements for students can be found in this [ITS Knowledge Base article](#).

Technology capabilities

Students in an online course should be able to:

- Use a word processor, such as MS Word, to compose assignments and communicate with others in class
- Attach files to emails or course areas
- Navigate websites and course materials
- Have access to a device with webcam capabilities or phone access to attend zoom meetings
- Reach out to tech support staff when issues arise and troubleshoot to resolve problems

Additional guidance for taking online courses can be found on the [Online at SIUE site](#).

Course and University policies

Academic integrity/plagiarism

Plagiarism is the use of another person’s words or ideas without crediting that person. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and may lead to failure on an assignment, in the class, or dismissal from the University, per the [SIUE academic dishonesty policy](#). Students are responsible for complying with university policies about academic honesty as stated in the [University’s Student Academic Conduct Code](#).

Turnitin

This course may utilize the Turnitin plagiarism detection software. A Turnitin link may be available anywhere written work is to be submitted in the course. [Find out more about using Turnitin](#).

Grading

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<td>Plagiarism Training</td>
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<td>Ten Top 5s, each worth 10 points</td>
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<td>Final Portfolio Assessment Project</td>
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Grading scale

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<td>131.21 – 116.64</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>116.63 – 102.06</td>
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<td>D</td>
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A traditional grading scale will be followed. I do not “round up” for mid-term or final grades. Do not ask about this. Your self-identity analysis project will make up 20% of your final grade. All other assignments will make up the remaining 80% of your final grade. If you have an issue with your grade on an assignment, you must set up an appointment to discuss the grade within a week after your grade is posted in Blackboard. I will not consider grade disputes raised after this time.

This course will have three-unit essays as the primary form of assessing content knowledge acquisition in lieu of traditional exams. These essays will be directed with specific prompts and will be no more than two pages single-spaced. Two of the three essays will be included in the final grade. Each essay will be due online in Blackboard on the date scheduled in the syllabus. It is your responsibility to make sure that your essay is completed and turned in on time. I will not post or give verbal reminders. Late essays will not be accepted for any reason or circumstance.

Grading rubric[s]
Grading rubrics will be provided in Blackboard for assignments that the instructor utilizes one for grading purposes.

Feedback and grading timeline
Weekly Journal and Top 5 grades with rubric feedback will usually be posted within one week of the due date. Other assignments may take longer to grade. You can find your grade by clicking the My Grades link on the left menu of the Blackboard course. If there is a rubric attached to the assignment, you can click your score to see feedback on the rubric, if any.

Late or Missed Assignments
Late assignments will be penalized 10% for each day past the due date. After 2 days (this includes all days within the week Monday - Sunday), the assignment will not be accepted for credit. All assignments are subject to the late assignment policy. Formal assessments cannot be submitted after the due date. Assignments will not be accepted as email attachments unless approved by the instructor.

Important Information about Assessments: Make-up assessments will not be given for any reason. Of the three essays given throughout the course, the lowest essay grade will be dropped automatically. Therefore, if there is a life circumstance that should prevent you from performing optimally on an assessment, there is no need to worry.

Rewrites
Rewrites will not be permitted in this course.

Participation
It is vitally important that our classroom environment promote the respectful exchange of ideas, including being sensitive to the views and beliefs expressed during in-class discussions. Your success in this course will depend on your communication, consistent engagement, and active participation in all course activities. Success in this course requires that you adhere to the deadlines given below as you complete assignments and other course activities. Participation in class discussions and activities is very important.

Regular and Substantive Interaction
Regular and substantive interaction (RSI) is required as part of new U.S. Department of Education regulations for distance (online) education, and it supports student learning in all learning environments (online, face-to-face, hybrid, hyflex, etc.). SIUE faculty participate in RSI by initiating frequent and timely opportunities to engage with students. Because there are several ways to implement RSI, such as facilitating online discussions, scheduling a Zoom conference with a student, or holding regularly scheduled review sessions before tests, RSI may look different in every class. To learn more about RSI, use the Online Tips links for Faculty and Students in your Blackboard course websites or visit the Faculty Resources for Regular and Substantive Interaction webpage.

**Attendance/excused absence policy**

Attendance will be taken every class period that we meet. Each student will begin the semester with 100 points for attendance. Deductions will occur for unexcused absences. Holidays and scheduled class cancellations will not be included in the count of missing days. Missing 10%= 90pts, 20%= 80pts, 30%= 70pts, 40%= 60pts, 50%= 50pts, >50%= 0pts.

Students are STRONGLY encouraged to attend all class meetings. There will be in-class activities and assignments for which you may receive points. If you are not present the day of these activities/assignments, you will not receive points and you cannot make these up. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes and/or handouts from your classmates. An “Excused” absence will be recorded for any student who notifies the instructor (by phone or email) prior to the class meeting time that they will not be able to attend class. A note may be required if absences become frequent or upon the instructor’s request. Also, students who arrive to class meetings 15 minutes or more late will be counted as an unexcused absence.

**Course Questions**

It is natural for everyone to have questions and I want you to feel comfortable asking questions. That said, in some cases, students ask questions that could be easily answered by looking in the syllabus or course materials. To facilitate personal responsibility, I ask that you follow the “rule of 3 then me” before asking a question. If your question is about the course requirements or some aspect of the course, check in 3 places for the answer before you ask me. When you ask me, tell me where you have looked for the answer and explain your question. This helps me understand the question so I can give you a better answer.

**Where to send questions:** If you have a question about the course, you can send me an email within SIUE email. If you want to ask a question of the entire class post it on the “Ask Questions” discussion area. This is a general discussion area, and you can post general questions here. Sometimes your classmates may know the answers to questions, and I will check this area as well. Please send any questions of a personal nature directly to me or call my office phone number to reach me regarding urgent or emergency matters.

**Services for Students Needing Accommodations**

Students needing accommodations because of medical diagnosis or major life impairment will need to register with Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS) and complete an intake process before accommodations will be given. Students who believe they have a diagnosis, but do not have documentation, should contact ACCESS for assistance and/or appropriate referral. The ACCESS office is located in the Student Success Center, Room 1203. You can also reach the office by emailing us at myaccess@siue.edu or by calling 618-650-3726.

If you feel you would need additional help in the event of an emergency situation, please notify your instructor to be shown the evacuation route and discuss specific needs for assistance.

**Diversity and Inclusion**

SIUE is committed to respecting everyone’s dignity at all times. In order to learn, exchange ideas, and support one another, our virtual and physical classrooms must be places where students and teachers feel safe and supported. Systems of oppression permeate our institutions and our classrooms. All students and faculty have the responsibility to co-create a classroom that affirms inclusion, equity, and social justice, where racism, sexism, classism, ableism,
heterosexism, xenophobia, and other social pathologies are not tolerated. Violations of this policy will be enforced in line with the SIUE Student Conduct Code.

The Hub https://www.siue.edu/csdii is an excellent resource for students for support and community. Any person who believes they have experienced or witnessed discrimination or harassment can contact Ms. Jamie Ball, Director in the Office of Equal Opportunity, Access and Title IX Coordination at (618) 650-2333 or jball@siue.edu. There is also an online form for reporting bias incidents at https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?SIUEdwardsville&layout_id=10.

Additional Support

Academic and Other Student Services
As an enrolled SIUE student, you have a variety of support available to you, including:

- Lovejoy Library Resources
- Academic Success Sessions
- Tutoring Resource Center
- The Writing Center
- Academic Advising
- Financial Aid
- Campus Events
- Counseling Services

If you find that you need additional support, please reach out to me and let me know.

Cougar Care
Dealing with the fast-paced life of a college student can be challenging, and I always support a student's decisions to prioritize mental health. Students have access to counseling services on campus (Student Success Center, 0222). Make an appointment by visiting cougarcare.siue.edu or by calling 618-650-2842.

Technical Support
Since this course has online components, you are expected to have reliable Internet access on a regular basis. It is your responsibility to address any computer problems that might occur. Such problems are not an excuse for delays in meeting expectations or for missing course deadlines.

Contact ITS at 618-650-5500 or at help@siue.edu with any technical concerns. You can also check the functionality of University systems, including Blackboard, at the ITS System Status page, or search the ITS Knowledge Base for various how-to and troubleshooting guides.

Tips for taking online assessments:
- Set up a wired (Ethernet) Internet connection on your computer
- Do not use a mobile device, such as a phone or tablet
- Read the instructions and directions carefully
- Be prepared to complete the assessment in the allotted time

COVID-19 Pandemic Policies Related to Classroom Instruction (Fall 2022)

Health and Safety
The measures outlined below are required and any student who does not comply may be in violation of the COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy, as well as the University’s Student Code of Conduct.

The full text of the COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy can be found here: https://www.siue.edu/policies/Covid.shtml

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Classrooms, Labs, Studios, and Other Academic Spaces

Individual faculty of record may determine that masking will be required in their classrooms and are asked to communicate accordingly with students. Face masks may be required in other campus sites following guidance from governing regulatory agencies.

- Students who forget to wear a face covering when masking is required will be reminded of their obligation to comply with SIUE’s COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy and temporarily asked to leave the class until they are able to conform to the policy. Students who forget or lose their face coverings when masking is required may be able to obtain replacements from a friend, a faculty member, or a nearby departmental office. Face coverings are also available for purchase in the Cougar Store (MUC).
- Students who refuse to wear a face covering when masking is required will be asked to leave the classroom and referred to the Dean of Students for non-compliance with community health and safety protocols. Repeated non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions, including the student being administratively dropped from an on-ground/face-to-face course or courses without refund if no alternative course format is available.
- If a student has a documented health condition which makes wearing a face covering medically intolerable, that student should contact ACCESS to explore options with the understanding that ACCESS will not grant accommodations which excuse the need for a face covering while on campus or in the classroom. ACCESS will work with qualifying individuals to find reasonable alternatives, whenever such solutions are available. Please call or contact the ACCESS Office via email to schedule an online appointment to discuss potential alternatives. ACCESS office (Student Success Center, Room 1203, 618-650-3726, and myaccess@siue.edu).

General Health Measures
Students and employees are expected to review the siue.edu/coronavirus website (https://www.siue.edu/about/announcements/coronavirus/) to better understand prevention strategies and safety expectations.

- Students and employees are expected to maintain healthy hygiene practices.
- Students and employees are expected to follow COVID-related guidelines and directions.
- Students and employees are expected to conduct a daily health self-assessment and isolate themselves if COVID-related symptoms are present. COVID-related symptoms include:
  - Fever (100.4 degrees or above) or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

Academic Integrity
Students are reminded that the expectations and academic standards outlined in the Student Academic Code (3C2) apply to all courses, field experiences and educational experiences at the University, regardless of modality or location. The full text of the policy can be found here: https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml.

Recordings of Class Content
Faculty recordings of lectures and/or other course materials are meant to facilitate student learning and to help facilitate a student catching up who has missed class due to illness. As such, students are reminded that the recording,
as well as replicating or sharing of any course content and/or course materials without the express permission of the instructor of record, is not permitted, and may be considered a violation of the University’s Student Conduct Code (3C1), linked here: https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml.

**Potential for Changes in Course Schedule or Modality**
As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, there remains a possibility that planned classroom activities will need to be adjusted. Depending on circumstances and following state-issued recommendations, potential changes include alterations to distancing requirements, course modality (e.g., transition from face-to-face to online, hybrid, or hy-flex, mask wearing, in-course activities, etc). These changes would be implemented to ensure the successful completion of the course while preserving health and safety. In these cases, students may be provided with an addendum to the class syllabus that will supersede the original version. If the course schedule or modifications significantly alter expectations, a new syllabus will be issued.

**Subject to change notice**
All material, assignments, and deadlines are subject to change with prior notice. It is your responsibility to stay in touch with your instructor, review the course site regularly, or communicate with other students, to adjust as needed if assignments or due dates change.
# Course Schedule:

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