

Psychology of Women  
EDP 362/WGS 345 UNIQUE: 10165/47110  
Spring 2012

\*\*\*YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE MATERIAL IN THIS SYLLABUS\*\*\*

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**Lecture Time:** TTH 9:30 -11a.m. SZB 416

**Required Text:** Crawford, M. (2011). Transformations: Women, Gender & Psychology (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed). Boston: McGraw Hill. ISBN: 0073532150

**Course Description:**

Psychology of Women is the study of women's experiences, issues, and behavior in the context of psychological theory and research. This class integrates many sub disciplines of psychology, including physiological, personality, developmental, social, abnormal, and applied psychology. This course will explore a variety of topics relevant to the psychology of women, including for example, theories of women's personality, gender socialization, sex differences, victimization, oppression, and motherhood. We will also discuss the ways that SES, culture, ethnicity, and sexual orientation impact the psychology of women. Grades will be based on the cumulative number of points earned in the class from the following elements:

Exams:	300 points total
Pop Quizzes:	70 points total
Journals:	60 points total
Critique papers:	50 points total
Personal reflection paper:	50 points
Participation:	50 points total
<b>Total Points = 580</b>	

The following scale will be used to determine final grades:

504-521 points = B+	540-580 points = A	522-539 points = A-
447-463 points = C+	481-503 points = B	464-480 points = B-
	423-446 points = C	406-422 points = C-
	348-405 points = D	
	347 or less = F	

**Exams:** There will be three exams covering information provided in the lecture and the text. The exams will consist of short answer, essay, methods problems, and multiple choice questions. Each exam is worth 100 points. The final will have a cumulative section.

**Pop Quizzes:**

There will be 9 unannounced pop quizzes given in class. These quizzes will have 5 short answer or multiple-choice questions based on reading and lecture material. Furthermore, the quizzes serve as practice items for the exams. Quizzes are worth 10 points each and your two lowest quiz scores (including zeros) will be dropped. **There will be no make-ups for quizzes.**

**Journals:**

Students are expected to maintain a journal and each journal must be at least 2 pages long. The entries are to reflect your personal observations of issues related to the course, your reaction to this information, and reflections on what you have learned. Journals are worth 20 points each.

**Journals must be TYPED in Times New Roman 12 pt font, 1 inch margins..**

**Critique Papers:**

Students will be asked to write two critique papers throughout the course of the semester. The first critique will be based on your analysis of a movie that has themes related to the psychology of women. The second paper will be based on a song that addresses some gender concept discussed in the class. Specific criteria related to these papers will be posted on Blackboard. These critiques are worth 25 points each. **Critique papers must be TYPED. Papers must be in Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins.**

**Personal Reflection paper:**

You will be required to complete a 5-7 page reflection paper in this course. This paper should summarize your personal experience in the course. Journals should serve as a good source of data about how you were feeling about material in the course. This paper should include what you felt was the most important part of the class, a reflection on your personal growth, and a reflection on the course material and discussions. This paper must be typed. Please use Times New Roman 12 pt font. **Papers must be in Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins with page numbers.**

**Attendance & Participation:**

You are expected to attend and be prepared for every class period. Class discussion is usually based on the readings in the course. Therefore, you are expected to be an INFORMED participant in class discussion. You are allowed three unexcused absences for the course. After the third absence, you must provide valid documentation explaining your absence. This documentation must be approved by Dr. Awad. More than 3 unexcused absences will affect your final grade:

- fourth Unexcused Absence: Loss of one letter grade (The best grade you can make in the course is a "B")
- fifth Unexcused Absence: Loss of two letter grades (The best grade you can make in the course is a "C")
- sixth Unexcused Absence: Loss of three letter grades (The best grade you can make in the course is a "D")
- seventh Unexcused Absence: Automatic grade of "F"

One make-up exam will be offered for students with excused absences for an exam date. To obtain an excused absence, you must:

- ❖ Provide a written note with your name, and the day you will be/ were absent, verification for the absence (e.g., doctor's visit documentation\*, sports meet, class field trip, obituary).
  - For illnesses or doctor's visits, the physician's note must state that you were physically unable to attend class or it was medically inadvisable for you to do so.
- ❖ If you miss class due to an emergency, you must email Dr. Awad with a note explaining the absence no more than 48 hours after the missed class day.
- ❖ You must make-up the exam by the next class day after the absence (or when you are physically able to attend class).

#### **Religious Holidays:**

Religious holy days sometimes conflict with class and examination schedules. If you miss an examination, work assignment, or other project due to the observance of a religious holy day you will be given an opportunity to complete the work missed within a reasonable time after the absence. It is the policy of The University of Texas at Austin that you must notify each of your instructors at least fourteen days prior to the classes scheduled on dates you will be absent to observe a religious holy day.

### ***Policies***

#### **Laptops & Cell Phones**

Laptop use is not permitted during class time. Cell phones should be turned off or put on a QUIET vibrate or silent mode. No texting during class please.

#### **UT Honor Code**

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

#### **Academic Integrity**

You and other students are expected to "maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work" undertaken at the University ([Sec. 11-801, Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities](#)). This is a very basic expectation that is further reinforced by the University's [Honor Code](#). At a minimum, you should complete any assignments, exams, and other scholastic endeavors with the utmost honesty, which requires you to: (1) acknowledge the contributions of other sources to your scholastic efforts; (2) complete your assignments independently unless expressly authorized to seek or obtain assistance in preparing them; (3) follow instructions for assignments and exams, (4) observe the standards of your academic discipline and (5) avoid engaging in any form of academic dishonesty on behalf of yourself or another student.

Students found guilty of academic dishonesty (including all forms of cheating) will receive a grade of 0 (note the academic dishonesty policy refers to all work and tests in the course, not just exams). For further information about academic dishonesty, please visit: [http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint\\_student.php](http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php)

#### **Blackboard:**

This course uses Blackboard, a Web-based course management system in which a password-protected site is created for each course. The readings that do not come out of the Smedley and Gould texts will be posted on Blackboard. You will be responsible for checking the Blackboard course site regularly for class work and announcements. As with all computer systems, there are occasional scheduled downtimes as well as unanticipated disruptions. Notification of these disruptions will be posted on the Blackboard login page. Scheduled downtimes are not an excuse for late work. However, if there is an unscheduled downtime for a significant period of time, I will make an adjustment if it occurs close to the due date. Blackboard is available at <http://courses.utexas.edu>. Support is provided by the ITS Help Desk at 475-9400 Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm, so plan accordingly.

**University Email Notification Policy:**

All students should become familiar with the University's official e-mail student notification policy. It is the student's responsibility to keep the University informed as to changes in his or her e-mail address. Students are expected to check e-mail on a frequent and regular basis in order to stay current with University-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical. It is recommended that e-mail be checked daily, but at a minimum, twice per week. The complete text of this policy and instructions for updating your e-mail address are available at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.html>. In this course e-mail will be used as a means of communication with students. You will be responsible for checking your e-mail regularly for class work and announcements.

**Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities who require special accommodations need to get a letter that documents the disability from the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Office of the Dean of Students (471-6259 voice or 471-4641) TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing). This letter should be presented to the instructor in each course at the beginning of the semester and accommodations needed should be discussed at that time. Five business days before an exam the student should remind the instructor of any testing accommodations that will be needed. See website below for more information: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/ssd/providing.php>

**Tentative Course Schedule**

<b>Approx. Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
1/17-1/19	Introduction Paving the Way (Ch 1)	
1/24-1/26	Gender in a Social Context (Ch 2)	
1/31-2/2	Images of Women (Ch 3)	2/1-Last day to drop a class for a possible refund.
2/7-2/9	The Meaning of Difference (Ch 4)	<b>Journal 1 DUE</b>
<b>2/14</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	
2/16-2/21	Gendered Identities: Childhood & Adolescence (Ch 6)	
2/23-2/28	Sex, Love, & Romance (Ch 7)	<b>Critique Paper 1 DUE</b>
<b>3/1-3/8</b>	Commitments: Women & Close Relationships (Ch 8)	<b>Journal 2 DUE</b>
<b>3/12-3/17</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
3/20-3/27	Mothering (Ch 9)	3/27-Last day to drop a class with the Dean's approval -Last day to change Pass/Fail status
<b>3/29</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	
4/3-4/5	Work & Achievement (Ch 10)	<b>Critique Paper 2 Due</b>
4/10-4/12	The Second Half: Midlife & Beyond (Ch 11)	<b>Journal 3 DUE</b>
4/17-4/19	Violence Against Women (Ch 12)	
4/24-4/26	Gender & Well-being (Ch 13)	
<b>5/1</b>	Making a Difference (Ch 14) & Wrap-up	<b>Personal Reflection Due</b>
<b>5/3</b>	<b>Exam 3</b>	

**NOTE. THIS SCHEDULE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TENTATIVE. I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME ON TOPICS. YOU WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE NOTICE IF AN EXAM DAY IS CHANGED.**