

Writing Assignment: Everyday Gender

SOC 301: Sociology of Gender, Summer 2009

Value: 35%

Due Date: August 10

Citation Style: APA

Assignment:

This assignment requires you to write a creative, original essay that critiques and analytically engages with a 'gendered moment.'

Find a 'gendered moment' in your social world. Examples could include graffiti, sports, dancing, politics, health, work environments, interpersonal relationships, aspects of popular culture (film, comic books, music, TV, podcasts, etc).

The essay should follow the standard format of intro, body and conclusion. Begin by describing your gendered moment (1 page). In the introduction clearly present your *thesis* which should clearly state in one sentence how you will interrogate the moment. The body of the essay should, in a clear and organized format, develop an argument relating the gendered moment to what we have been reading and discussing in class.

The essay must reference at least 3 of the course readings as well as 3 other academic sources. By other academic sources I mean academic journals or books. Newspaper articles, blogs, and internet sources are useful and can be included but are not considered academic sources.

Marking Criteria:

Creative, engaged, thoughtful: /15

Use of course material and outside sources: /12

Mechanics (includes grammar, correct referencing, writing style): /8

Participation Mark

This class is designed to be taught through both lectures and class discussions. Your engaged participation in class discussions is expected. Doing the class readings is requisite for dynamic class discussions. On the first day of class a sign-up sheet will be circulated where you will choose 2 articles on which to prepare discussion questions.

A good discussion question will:

- Refer specifically to an element(s) of the reading
- Not result in yes or no answers
- Will encourage reading across the assigned readings, making connection to other readings and the class material.
- Be presented by the student in class.

Your participation mark is 15% of your grade. Each discussion question will be awarded a mark out of 7.5.

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Exams

The midterm exam (quiz), on July 22 will consist of 5 short answer questions worth 3 marks each. We will review the week prior to the exam to highlight possible areas for study.

The final exam will be posted on Thursday, August 13th at 11:30am. It will take the format of 7 short answer questions worth 3 marks each (21 marks) and 2 essay questions that are each worth 7 marks (14).