



POL 247: Gender and Public Policy

Term: 2021 Summer Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 5

Total Weeks: 5

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 145

Credit Hours: 4

Course Description:

This course enables students to build a better understanding of the interrelationship between gender and public policy. Through this course, major public policy issues related to gender equality will be discussed. Topics includes feminist, geography, reproduction, women in workforce, parental and childcare, family economics, violence, policy and measurements. In-class discussions are required. The discussion will be based on reading materials.

Course Materials:

Textbook:

No textbook is required in this course. The instructor will assign and send out reading materials before the class. Specific reading instructions will be given to facilitate the learning process. Instructors will recommend some books related to gender equality

Course Assignments:

Participation and Discussion



This course is combined with lectures and seminars. So, active participation will be the key to its success. The participation accounts for 15% of your final grade. The score will be given based on your contributions to the in-class discussions.

Research Paper

Through this course, each student is required to write a 25-30-page paper. The topic should relate to gender and public policy. It will count for 60% of your grade for the course and include three components: a proposal, the final paper, and a presentation. All papers must be double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1” margins all around.

Proposal

A 3-4-page proposal is due by the end of the first week. The proposal is worth 10% of your final grade. It should include hypothesis or research questions, literature review, the final paper outline.

Final Paper

After the proposal is approved, student can proceed the research paper. The final paper is due by the end of the fourth week and is worth 30% of your final grade.

Presentation

Two classes in the final week will be used for research presentations. Each student will have 10-15 minutes share your work with the class. The presentation slides should be turned in before the class.

Final Exam

The final will be close-book, consisting of short-answer questions and essay questions, covering material from the entire term, including in-class discussion content. Note that the final will not be taken during the normal class times. Exact time and location for final will be announced later.

Course Assessment:

Participation and Discussion	15%
Research Paper	60%
Proposal: 20%	
Final paper: 30%	



Presentation: 10%	
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Grading Scale:

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 73%-77%

C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%

F: Below 60%

Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently. Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Shanghai Normal University's Academic Conduct Code. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the Academic Conduct Code will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the Academic Conduct Code may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the Academic Conduct Code.

Special Needs or Assistance:

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**Course Schedule:**

Week	Topics	Activities
1.	Introduction to Gender, Power and Public Policy Feminist; Viewpoint and Geography	Discussion Seminar Proposal
2.	Reproduction Politics Reproduction Rights Reproduction VS Geography Abortion Different Perspective: Life VS Choice	Discussion Seminar
3.	Gender in Economy History of Working Women Recruitment and Wage Sexual Harassment at Work The Law	Discussion Seminar
4.	Work, Policy, and Family Pregnancy, Work–Family, Medical Leave/Fetal Protectionism Family Economics Gender Equality and Childcare	Discussion Seminar Final Paper
5.	Gender and Violence Current Policy and Measurement in Gender Equality Course Summary	Discussion Seminar Review Presentation Final Exam

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