Syllabus

ANT3302 - Sex, Gender and Culture

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*****This course covers adult themes; including: human anatomy, sex, and sexual relationships. If you are not comfortable with these subject areas, I urge you to drop the class*****

Instructor Contact

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Office Hours (Virtual and Phone)	Various methods for contacting me during office hours: 1. Email/Inbox (during office hours, I will respond quickly!) 2. Schedule a phone call (so you don't have to see my face!) 3. Schedule a zoom call (if you do want to see my face!) Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am-12pm; 1-2pm **For phone or virtual calls, please make an appointment first!!**
Phone	407 823 3757
Email/Response Time	amanda.groff@ucf.edu (mailto:amanda.groff@ucf.edu) **(when emailing, please include the class title in your subject!)** I have family, dogs, and friends who want to see me! As such, I will respond to emails from 9am to 4pm on weekdays and Saturdays from 9-10am. All evenings and Sundays are for binge-watching and playing with my dogs. I will respond within 12-36 hours, unless you are notified otherwise. **Bug and Dobby**
GTA Info **GTA Office Hours**	Caroline Jasiak (caroline.jasiak@ucf.edu (mailto:caroline.jasiak@ucf.edu)) Horvey Palacios (horvey.palacios@ucf.edu (mailto:horvey.palacios@ucf.edu)) Horvey: Mondays from 2 to 4pm. Caroline: Tuesdays from 2 to 4pm. *Please contact the TA to arrange a "meeting" place: via email, zoom, etc.

Course Information

Course Name	**ANT 3302- Sex, Gender, and Culture**
Credit Hours	**3 Credit Hours**
Prerequisites	**Sophomore standing**
Corequisites	**None**
Semester/Year	**Spring 2021**
Location	**Fully 100% Online**

Course Description and Scope

This class is designed to familiarize students with arguments, theories, and information in the areas of sex and gender roles, gender identity and sexual stratification in human societies. The following subjects are explored: sexuality, considering how, why and to what degree culture channels sexuality, the nature of gender, the cultural construct of masculinity, femininity, sexuality, personhood, and the body cross-culturally. Additionally, the role of kinship, mythology, fairytales, and media in developing ideas about sexuality and gender ideals will be explored.

Course Catalog Description: The traditional and changing roles of women and men viewed in a cross-cultural perspective.

Course Topics and Lectures

- Intro to Anthropology and Culture
- What is Gender?
- Sex and Biology
- Effects of Sex
- Marriage, Sex, and Family
- Sex and Desire
- Gender and the Media
- Arts, Fairytales, Mythology, and Gender
- Sex and Gender in Ancient Cultures
- Prostitution

- Sex and Gender 1800-1940
- Sin, Shame, and Perversions
- Sex and Gender 1950's-Present
- Sex and Gender Around the World: Africa, Middle East, SE Asia, South America, Papua New Guinea
- Beauty: History and Modern
- Homosexuality, Transgenderism, and Transvestitism

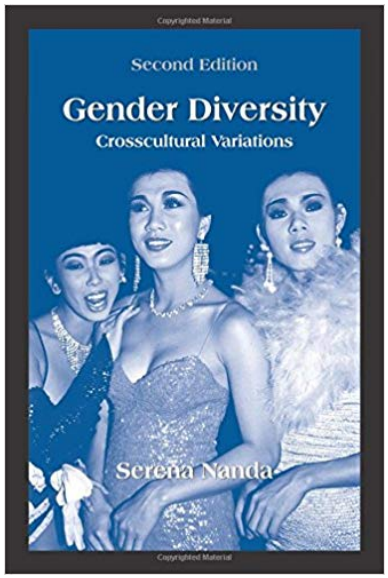
**Lectures are presented in a video format for notetaking!

Course Goals

The specific objectives for this course are to:

- To understand the historical development of gender and sexuality perspectives through the present
- To understand and be able to analyze the concepts of gender, beauty, and sexuality in the context of case studies from the United States, Africa, and Brazil, among others.
- To destabilize the dominant assumptions about gender and sexuality by broadening students' understandings of the diversity of genders and sexualities

Required Readings



- "Gender Diversity Crosscultural Variations" by Serena Nanda
- 2nd edition
- Publisher: Waveland Press
- ISBN: 978-1478611264

You will also be reading articles from the text book*: Constructing Sexualities: Readings in Sexuality, Gender by Suzanne LaFont.* Because this text book just went out of print, I have provided scans of the assigned readings in each module.

Required Tools

1. A functioning computer or tablet with access to internet and websites (phones are not recommended)
2. Adobe Reader (or another tool that makes pdf's accessible and able to be read)
3. Adobe Flash may be necessary for some videos
4. Headphones (if working in a public space so that video clips may be watched)
5. Access to Microsoft WORD (You can download FOR FREE from UCF Apps: **https://it.ucf.edu/ucf-apps/ (https://it.ucf.edu/ucf-apps/)**)

Course Requirements

This course begins on January 11th, 2020 and ends on April 30, 2020. Your grade in this course will be based out of **490 total points**. There will be mini-quizzes at the end of each module worth a total of 75 points, assignments worth a total of 110 points, and 3 exams worth a total of 300 points. **This course is a self-paced course, so you may go as fast as you like as long as you finish by required deadlines (modules are grouped together and due on specific dates throughout the course (see schedule below))**. **This is to promote scaffolded learning; essentially, you build your knowledge instead of cramming it in at the last moment at the end of the semester.** There will also be a deadline for the last modules (once again, to curb students from handing in everything at the last moment). Please note the module closing dates below… **I will not, under any circumstances, open a module for students because they missed the closing date**. This is something that all students are advised of since the beginning of the course. **All modules will close on their assigned dates at 11:59 PM in EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST), regardless of their time zone (it is the student's responsibility to track the time change. You will only be able to advance to the next module once you have completed all the requirements for the preceding module.** You begin the course by clicking on the “modules” button on the main page. Each individual module, as well as the getting started module, is available from this page.

Schedule

Module	# of Mini-Quiz or Exam Points	Assignment Points	Closing Date for Module

Getting Started	10	0	January 15
1	5	10	January 22
2	5	10	January 22
3	5	10	February 5
4	5	10	February 5
Exam 1	100	0	February 12
5	5	15	February 26
6	5	10	February 26
7	5	10	March 12
8	5	0	March 12
9	5	10	March 12
Exam 2	100	0	March 19
10	5	10	April 2
11	5	10	April 2
12	5	10	April 23
13	5	0	April 23
Final Exam	100	0	April 30
Total Points	375	115	

How do I get started??

You must first achieve a perfect score of "10" on the Getting Started Quiz in the Getting Started Module before you will have access to Module 1. The Getting Started Quiz is the only quiz in the class with multiple attempts. Take it as many times as you need in order to earn a full 10.

Grading Scheme

The +/- system will be used in this course. These percentages correspond to the following letter grades:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	69.5-76
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	59 and below

Under no exception will I make individual allowances for anyone in this course in terms of grading. Since you have the whole term to complete the course at your own pace, I will not allow anyone to make up missed assignments at the end of the course - do not wait until the last minute complete assignments. In addition, I will not curve anyone's final grade nor will I provide extra credit for anyone that is unhappy with their final course grade. Please do not ask! (I do round up scores, anything .5 or higher. For example, a percentage of 89.5 would be rounded to a 90)

Video Lectures

Within each Module there is a link to a video lecture(s). These lectures cover 80% of the class content. When you click on the link the lecture will load and appear **WITHIN** webcourses. **You need to have speakers or headphones to listen**!! These video lectures provide a majority of the content for this class…so you must watch and take notes in order to pass the class. At the beginning of each Module there is a module outline that will describe the length and content of the lectures. Each video lecture ranges from 15 to 34 minutes in length, so plan accordingly. **You have the ability to PAUSE, STOP, REWIND and FAST FORWARD**. This provides you with the ability to come back to a lecture if needed.

My suggestion for the video lectures is to watch the video and take notes, then re-watch the lecture and write down any additional information I describe while lecturing. **DON'T LOSE YOUR NOTES! THE LECTURES CLOSE WITH THE MODULE DEADLINES!! If a student loses their notes or**

misses the lectures due to illness, it is their responsibility to find someone in the class to get a copy of the notes. I, under no circumstances, will reopen modules or send copies of notes.

Why do they close? Accountability and scaffolded learning. If lectures are left accessible, the temptation to watch them later (which, believe me, will snowball) results in trying to watch them at the last minute before an exam.

Timed-Assignments

Mini-Quizzes, Exams, and Quiz-graded assignments: You will encounter timed work in this class. **Once a timed assignment, mini-quiz, or exam is opened, it is your ONLY chance to complete the quiz** – there is no second chance! Note that once you click "Take the Quiz", the countdown clock begins and will continue running til time is up (even if you navigate away from the page). Any timed assignment problems that are the result of you waiting until the last minute to take the timed assignment will result in a “0” for the quiz.

Exam 3 aka THE FINAL: The final exam is non-cumulative and will only cover the remaining class module content. This exam closes during Final Exams week!

It is your responsibility to check on your grades. Automatically graded quizzes should be available immediately after you submit them. If you check your grades and your quiz has not been graded please email me and I will manually grade it.

Written Assignments:

You will encounter written work in this class (work that I think is fun and engaging!). There are a few guidelines for this:
1. Submit work as a doc, docx or PDF
2. Make sure to label your document appropriately (to make it easier to locate when submitting).
2. Your work will pass through Turnitin
3. You must submit written work by the deadline assigned to it.
4. There are no-make-ups, unless a valid excuse is provided (see below under Make-up/Excuses)
5. We will only accept your **FIRST** submission. However, sometimes accidents happen and you upload the wrong document. In the case where the wrong assignment is uploaded by the deadline, I will accept one resubmission of the correct document with a small penalty (by a deadline set by me and the TA; failure to meet this new deadline will result in a 0). You are only offered this courtesy ONE time for the entire semester. If this happens a second time or more, your grade will remain a zero. The University is cracking down on students who use "placeholder" assignments to buy more time.

Reviewing Quiz/Assignment Questions

I am happy to address any questions you have concerning a grade. But please know you have up to 1 week after the closing of a quiz or exam to bring up these questions or discrepancies concerning your score. After 1 week, I will no longer address these concerns. This is to prevent students from waiting until they see their final grade to address any issues in an effort to get their score bumped up. Please be sure to review your grade as soon as you submit and be sure to bring up any questions to me immediately!

Important Dates and Information

Add class deadline Friday, January 15 ; Drop class deadline: Friday, January 15
Withdrawal deadline for this course: Friday, March 26
Final course closing date: Friday, April 30

First Assignment and Your Financial Aid

As of Fall 2014, all faculty members are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the Getting Started Quiz and Assignment by the end of the first week of classes, or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than **January 15**. Failure to do so will result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.

Make-ups/Excuses

There are NO make-ups in this course. As each set of modules close approximately every two weeks, you are provided plenty of time to complete modules prior to the deadline. However, I do understand there are circumstances that can interrupt your ability to finish modules on time. Some of these valid excuses include a death in the family, family emergency, or you were recently personally injured or ill not COVID-related (within the week of the deadline). Documentation (for example, doctor's note WITH DATES AND CONTACT INFORMATION or an obituary) of these incidences MUST be provided within **5 days** after the module closing in order for a make-up to be considered. *** A broken computer is NOT a valid excuse. The professor maintains the right to refuse a make-up.

Additionally, a written email or note from a parent, friend, or employer does NOT count as a valid excuse.

****If an error occurs while taking a quiz, or while attempting to upload a document, you MUST take a screen shot or video of your computer desktop which shows the error. IMPORTANT: Your screen shot must include proof of time/date. Without the date and time there is no way to prove that your issue occurred prior to the deadline.**

COVID-19 and Illness Notification

Students who believe they may have a COVID-19 diagnosis should contact UCF Student Health Services (407-823-2509) so proper contact tracing procedures can take place. Students should not come to campus if they are ill, are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID, or if anyone living in their residence has tested positive or is sick with COVID-19 symptoms. CDC guidance for COVID-19 symptoms is located here: (**https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)**)

Students should contact their instructor(s) as soon as possible if they miss class for due to COVID-19 illness reason to discuss reasonable adjustments that might need to be made (documentation will be required). When possible, students should contact their instructor(s) before missing class.

In case of Faculty Illness

If the instructor falls ill during the semester, there may be changes to this course, including having a backup instructor take over the course. Please look for announcements or mail in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email for any alterations to this course.

Discussion Board Appropriateness

The discussion board is to be used by students to discuss topics concerning our class. Feel free to discuss topics covered in the video lectures, articles you may have found online or sex and gender in general. As stated in the golden rule, please do not share or discuss specific quiz/exam answers or answers to assignments. Additionally, please do not use the discussion board to launch personal attacks against myself or fellow students. If there is an issue, please do not hesitate to contact me privately. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Student Non-solicitation

Students have the right to privacy and non-solicitation in an online environment. Thus, students are NOT permitted to send out mass emails to the entire class via inbox or knights.ucf.edu without explicit permission from the professor. If a student wants to bring up a subject to the class, the student must use the **Discussions (https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1368806/discussion_topics)** board and select the appropriate discussion thread for conversing. I have provided an area under Discussions for students to message and contact each other. I will not tolerate students harassing, spamming, or inciting each other when discussions can be handled and monitored in one location via the Discussions tab. If you are being spammed or bullied by a fellow student, please report to me and I will handle the issue. The Office of Student Conduct may be used if a solution cannot be found.

***This applies to mass emails, you are obviously more than welcome to email individual friends in the class

Email Appropriateness:

Please address emails in a formal matter. Emails are the only correspondence I have with you, therefore, they are the only impression I get of your character. Sometimes emails that are blunt can come off as rude.

Online Technology

By signing up for an online class, students assume the responsibility for having a functioning computer and programs necessary for viewing videos or accessing websites. A broken computer or non-functioning software is not a valid excuse for missing a deadline. Additionally, if a student waits until after 5pm on the due date to work on an assignment and experiences an issue, they are responsible for finding a solution (Unless there is a mass issue that effects every student in the class...if this is the case the professor will produce a solution).

Students are responsible for ensuring they are completing their work from a reliable internet source and device. If issues occur regarding internet or device, the student bears the burden of proving an issue occurred with the device or internet in order for make-up or retakes to be permitted. Without proof, no retakes will be permitted.

GroupMe

GroupMe is meant to be used for simple class discussions. If a student wishes to create a GroupMe concerning this class, they are required to post the link publicly (via the Discussion tab) so that all

students and the TA have the opportunity to join. If I learn that a class GroupMe was created without my knowledge, I will assume it was made with the intent to share answers.

If you join a GroupMe, or any other group messaging platform, and notice any instances of answer sharing, cheating, or students asking for answers, please report it immediately (regardless of what class you are in!). You will not get in trouble for reporting! Furthermore, if you receive an email or private message about joining a GroupMe that does not include me or the TAs, please report it to me; again, you will remain anonymous.

Please know if you are found asking for OR sharing answers to quizzes, exams, or assignments, you will be **reported to the Office of Student Conduct**.

Academic Integrity

Students should familiarize themselves with **Rules of Conduct (https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/student-rules-of-conduct/)**. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in:

- *Unauthorized assistance*: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
- *Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means*: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
- *Commercial Use of Academic Material*: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
- *Falsifying or misrepresenting* the student's own academic work.
- *Plagiarism*: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
- *Multiple Submissions*: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
- *Helping another violate* academic behavior standards.

For more information about Academic Integrity, students may consult **UCF Center for Academic Integrity (https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/)**

For more information about plagiarism and misuse of sources, see "**Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices (http://wpacouncil.org/node/9)**".

Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating

Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, **The Golden Rule. (http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/docs/goldenrule.pdf)** UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and when necessary respond to academic misconduct. Penalties can include a failing grade in an assignment or in the course, suspension or expulsion from the university, and/or a "Z Designation" on a student's official transcript indicating academic dishonesty, where the final grade for this course will be preceded by the letter Z. For more information about the Z Designation, see **http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/zgrade (http://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/zgrade)** .

GROUP ME: If a student creates a group me for this class, they are required to make the link public (posted in the Discussions board) to make it accessible to the entire class. Please be aware that students are more likely to tell on each other for cheating or answer sharing, so use this wisely. I will not hesitate to turn you over to the Office of Student Conduct.

Academic Services and Resources

A list of available academic support and learning services is available at **UCF Student Services (https://www.ucf.edu/services/)** . Click on "Academic Support and Learning Services" on the right-hand side to filter. This section includes, for example, access to: therapy assisted online (TAO) Self Help, Knights Online, SAS, Writing Center, Tutoring Center, etc.

Non-Academic Services and Resources

A list of non-academic support and services is also available at **UCF Student Services (https://www.ucf.edu/services/)** . Click on "Support" on the right-hand side to filter. This section includes, for example, access to: Victim Services, UCF CARES, Career Services, etc.

If you are a UCF Online student, please consult the **UCF Online Student Guidelines (https://www.ucf.edu/online/resources/guidelines/)** for more information about your access to non-academic services.

University-Wide Face Covering Policy for Common Spaces and Face-to-Face Classes

To protect members of our community, everyone is required to wear a facial covering inside all common spaces including classrooms (**https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf (https://policies.ucf.edu/documents/PolicyEmergencyCOVIDReturnPolicy.pdf)** .) Students who choose not to wear facial coverings will be asked to leave the classroom by the instructor. If they refuse to leave the classroom or put on a facial covering, they may be considered disruptive (please see the G**olden Rule (https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/)** for student behavior expectations). Faculty have the right to cancel class if the safety and well-being of class members are in jeopardy. Students will be responsible for the material that would have been covered in class as provided by the instructor.

Notifications in Case of Changes to Course Modality

Depending on the course of the pandemic during the semester, the university may make changes to the way classes are offered. If that happens, please look for announcements or messages in Webcourses@UCF or Knights email about changes specific to this course.

Course Accessibility Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need disability-related access in this course should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with **Student Accessibility Services (http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/)** (Ferrell Commons 185, **sas@ucf.edu (mailto:sas@ucf.edu)** , phone (407) 823-2371). Through Student Accessibility Services, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential access and accommodations that might be reasonable.Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student.

****If you are registered with SAS, please contact the professor immediately for information concerning extended quiz and assignment times**

*****Please note that if you are permitted extended quiz/exam times, it is your responsibility to begin quizzes, quiz-graded assignments, and exams with enough time prior to the deadline to**

fulfill that extension. Having extended quiz times DOES NOT give you permission to run beyond the deadline time of 11:59pm.

Campus Safety Statement

Emergencies on campus are rare, but if one should arise in our class, everyone needs to work together. Students should be aware of the surroundings and familiar with some basic safety and security concepts.

- In case of an emergency, dial 911 for assistance.
- Every UCF classroom contains an emergency procedure guide posted on a wall near the door. Please make a note of the guide's physical location and consider reviewing the online version at **http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html (http://emergency.ucf.edu/emergency_guide.html)** .
- Students should know the evacuation routes from each of their classrooms and have a plan for finding safety in case of an emergency.
- If there is a medical emergency during class, we may need to access a first aid kit or AED (Automated External Defibrillator). To learn where those items are located in this building, see **http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/workplacesafety.html (http://www.ehs.ucf.edu/workplacesafety.html)** (click on link from menu on left).
- To stay informed about emergency situations, sign up to receive UCF text alerts by going to **my.ucf.edu (http://my.ucf.edu)** and logging in. Click on "Student Self Service" located on the left side of the screen in the tool bar, scroll down to the blue "Personal Information" heading on your Student Center screen, click on "UCF Alert," fill out the information, including your e-mail address, cell phone number, and cell phone provider, click "Apply" to save the changes, and then click "OK."
- Students with special needs related to emergency situations should speak with their instructors outside of class.
- To learn about how to manage an active-shooter situation on campus or elsewhere, consider viewing this video.
  You CAN Survive an Active Shooter (https://youtu.be/NIKYajEx4pk)

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Deployed Active Duty Military Students

If you are a deployed active duty military student and feel that you may need a special accommodation due to that unique status, please contact your instructor to discuss your circumstances.

Copyright

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According to the Academic Misconduct section of the UCF Golden Rule section C. states: "Commercial use of academic material: Selling notes, handouts, etc., without authorization or using them for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of the University and the instructor is a violation of this rule." Students cannot use any class materials for commercial purposes without instructor consent. If you do, it could result in disciplinary expulsion. All punitive sanctions can come with educational sanctions to help enforce the rules of conduct. In other words, we will file a lawsuit.

Third-Party Software and FERPA

During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need **not** make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.

My expectations of you for taking Sex Gender and Culture

- I expect you to do your work and not copy the work from others.

- When you take an online quiz, I expect you to complete the quiz by yourself.
- I expect you to treat all communications with me and your fellow students professionally and respectfully. I expect you to write using conventional rules of grammar, spelling, and paragraph formation.
- I expect you to progress in a timely manner through the course. You are permitted to work as fast as you like through the course; however, you are expected to meet deadlines
- I expect you to check your e-mail and participate in discussions. Only by doing this can you fully participate in the course, and keep up-to-date on any announcements.

What You Can Expect From Me

You can expect from me everything I expect from you, and I will respond to your email as fast as is physically possible. In addition, your grades will be posted in a timely manner.

**The professor reserves the right to change this syllabus at anytime. It is the students responsibility to review the syllabus for updates.