

Women and Politics
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Welcome to Women and Politics! Do you know the level of women's representation at the state and federal levels? Would you expect a male President to focus on the same issues as a woman president? Do you know the current gender gap? Are there any public opinion issues where you expect men and women to differ? We will examine the relationship between gender and politics as we study the political behavior of women as citizens, activists, voters, and elites. I look forward to this class and your insights.

Course Objectives:

The course will provide students with a basic understanding of women's political history and an overview of women's contemporary political behavior. Successful students will develop an analytical framework for understanding current debates about gender roles and women's political participation.

Course Requirements:

Class participation	20%
Midterm Exam	35%
Final exam	45%
Total	100%

Due Dates

Daily
July 5th at 9:30 am
July 20th at 9:30 am

Class Participation

Twenty percent of your grade is based on participation. Your participation grade will be based on quizzes, your participation in class discussion, and your participation in small group work during class. Attendance at all class meetings is expected, and you cannot earn participation points unless you are in class. No participation points are given on the first day of class or on exam days. In addition, I allow one absence without penalty. In order to facilitate class participation, please ensure that all cell phones and electronic devices are turned off prior to class. I reserve the right to ask students to leave due to the use of electronic devices and to revoke that day's participation points.

Exams

Eighty percent of your grade is based on exams. The midterm exam will be held during class on Wednesday, July 5th, and the final exam will be held on Thursday, July 20th. Both exams will consist of short answer and essay questions based on the assigned readings, videos, and lecture material. The final exam will NOT be cumulative. Make-up exams will be given without penalty only under dire circumstances. If you have a university-approved

absence, you must discuss your situation with me prior to the scheduled examination. In the event of an illness on exam day, documented proof of the illness is required to discuss taking a make-up examination. I reserve the right to change the format and questions on the makeup exam.

Required Books:

Hartmann, Susan M. 1989. *From Margin to Mainstream: American Women and Politics Since 1960*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf Press. (Hartmann)

*This book is out of print. A course packet copy of the book should be purchased at the Cop-ez Tuttle Store (<http://www.copez.org>). Alternatively, some non-OSU bookstores may have used copies available.

Palmer, Barbara and Dennis Simon. 2006. *Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*. New York: Routledge. (Palmer & Simon)

Sigel, Roberta. 1996. *Ambition and Accommodation: How Women View Gender Relations*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Sigel)

All remaining readings will be available on the Carmen course website for download. (Carmen)

Academic Honesty: I expect all of the work you do in this course to be your own. I will tolerate absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation). I will report any cases of cheating or plagiarism to the university committee on academic misconduct, and they will be handled according to university policy.

Disability: If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, you should contact me to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. At the appointment we can discuss the course format, anticipate your needs, and explore potential accommodations. I rely on the Office for Disability Services for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. If you have not previously contacted the Office for Disability Services, I encourage you to do so.

Course Outline

Date	A. Topic
<i>Page count</i>	Assigned Readings

I. Introduction

M 6/19 (0)	A. Class Orientation No readings
T 6/20 (18)	B. Gender Sigel Chapter 1

II. Women's Political History

W 6/21 (71)	A. The Suffrage Movement I Keyssar (Carmen); Hartman Ch 1
R 6/22 (0)	B. The Suffrage Movement II No readings
F 6/23 (49)	C. From Suffrage to the Modern Women's Movement Hartman Ch 2-3
M 6/26 (54)	D. The ERA Hartmann Chapters 5 & 6

III. Women's Political Behavior

T 6/27 (31)	A. Gender and Participation MacManus (Carmen)
W 6/28 (66)	B. Gender and Public Opinion I Sigel Chapters 2-4
R 6/29 (102)	C. Gender and Public Opinion II Sigel Chapters 5-8
F 6/30 (23)	D. Gender and Voting Carroll (Carmen)
M 7/3 (0)	E. Anita Hill vs. Clarence Thomas Hill vs. Thomas CBS News Productions (available online through OSU library catalog)

T 7/4 –	*University Holiday No Class*
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W 7/5
(0)

* Midterm in Class*

IV. Women and Electoral Institutions

R 7/6
(65)

A. Women and Parties and Interest Groups
Hartmann Chapters 4, 7 & Conclusion

F 7/7
(50)

B. Women and Campaigns
Palmer & Simon Chapters 1 & 2

M 7/10
(70)

C. Women and Campaigns
Palmer and Simon Chapters 3 & 4

T 7/11
(90)

D. Women and Campaigns
Palmer and Simon Chapters 5, 6 & 7

V. Women Elites in Governing Institutions

W 7/12
(18)

E. Women's Representation in Legislatures
Lawless and Theriault (Carmen);

R 7/13
(17)

F. Women's Representation in Legislatures
Poggione (Carmen)

F 7/14
(25)

G. Gender and the Executive
Whicker & Isaacs (Carmen); Watson (Carmen)

M 7/17
(12)

H. Gender and the Executive
Weir (Carmen)

T 7/18
(32)

I. Women and the Courts
O'Connor (Carmen); Martin (Carmen)

VI. Conclusion

W 7/19
(0)

A. Conclusion
No readings

R 7/20

Final during regularly scheduled class time