



Утвърдил: .....

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Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

**Faculty:** Philosophy

**Specialty:** Psychology

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**Master Program:** General Psychology in English

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Discipline:

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**Psychology of Gender**

**Lecturer:** Assoc. Prof. Daniel Petrov, PhD

Educative workload	Form	Horarium
In-class auditorium	Lectures	8
	Seminars	7
<b>Total in-class auditorium</b>		<b>15</b>
Outclass auditorium	Work with library and educational resources	75
<b>Total out-class auditorium</b>		<b>75</b>
<b>TOTAL AUDITORIUM</b>		<b>90</b>
<b>Credits in-class auditorium</b>		<b>0,5</b>
<b>Credits Outclass auditorium</b>		<b>2,5</b>
<b>TOTAL ECST</b>		<b>3</b>

No	Elements of the final grade	% of the final grade
1.	Weekly quizzes	40
2.	Exam	60
Grading Criteria		
Excellent 6	93 % correct test answers	
Very Good 5	74% correct test answers	
Good 4	58% correct test answers	
Moderate 3	50% correct test answers	

<b>Annotation of the discipline:</b>
The course focuses on the current research on gender roles in psychology. The students are expected to fully grasp the theoretical basis of gender development from the prenatal period to adulthood, to gain an understanding of the research methods used to study gender roles, knowledge and behaviors, and how this research corresponds to the grand theories in psychology. Some special issues and social policies concerning gender and stereotypes are discussed. The
major gender similarities and differences and their role in applied domains like organizational settings, health, education, and interpersonal relationships are discussed.
<b>Preliminary requirements:</b>
None

<b>Expected outcomes:</b>
Completing this course supposes mastering the basic concepts, research methodologies and actual scientific and applied problems in the Psychology of Gender.

### Syllabus

No	Theme:	Horarium
1.	<b>Sex and gender.</b> Definition of terms. Social construction of gender. Cultural differences in the construal of gender, sex and sexualities.	1
2.	<b>History of gender research.</b> The scientific method: correlational and experimental study, field experiments, cross-sectional and longitudinal designs. Measuring gender: trait, ideology and gender behavior measures. Difficulties in conducting research on gender. Ethical issues.	2
3.	<b>Theories of gender.</b> Psychobiology, evolutionary psychology, sociobiology, psychoanalytic theory, social learning theory, gender roles socialization, social role theory, cognitive development theory, gender schema theory, context theories.	2
4.	<b>Gender roles and gender development throughout the life-span.</b> Childhood and adolescence. The role of cognitive and social factors. Gender identity. Gender and body image. Gender, adult development and aging.	2
5.	<b>Gender-role attitudes.</b> Affective, cognitive and behavioral components. Descriptive and prescriptive gender stereotypes. The effects of gender stereotypes on judgments and decisions.	2
6.	<b>Psychological study of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues.</b> Terminology, definitions and history. Sexual orientation, identity and diversity: from categories to complexity. Prejudices and heterosexism. LGBT development and special issues.	2
7.	<b>Sex-related comparisons in different domains.</b> Cognitive abilities, personality functioning, moral development, social behavior, achievement, education, communication, friendship, romantic relationships, work, eating behavior, physical and mental health.	2

8.	<b>Gender and society.</b> Sexism and discrimination. Sexual harassment. Gender violence. Fear, shame, silence and gender identity. Gendered societies: ideologies, status, power and inequalities. Gender and media.	2
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**Synopsis**

No	Theme:
1.	Sex and gender.
2.	History of gender research.
3.	Theories of gender.
4.	Gender roles and gender development throughout the life-span.
5.	Gender and society.
6.	Psychological study of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues
7.	Sex-related comparisons in different domains.
8.	Gender-role attitudes.

**Bibliography**

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**Required readings:**

Helgeson, V. (2020). *The Psychology of Gender* (6th ed.). New York: Pearson.

**Additional readings:**

Chrisler, J., McCreary, D. (Eds.) (2010). *Handbook of Gender Research in Psychology*. Volume 1: *Gender Research in General and Experimental Psychology* & Volume 2: *Gender Research in Social and Applied Psychology*. London: Springer.

Sanchez-Lopez, M. P., Liminana Gras, R.M. (Eds.).(2017). *The Psychology of Gender and Health: Conceptual and Applied Global Concerns*. Academic Press

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