This is a fifteen-week introductory survey course on the anthropology of gender. The objectives of the course are: to recognize the limits of biological implications for gender relations, to acquire an ability to critically read for gender biases in the popular literature and in anthropology, to learn the range of gender relations that have been documented in non-industrial societies, to learn the effects of monetary economy on gender relations, and to learn how gender relations are symbolically imbued with transcendent values. Finally we will, examine some of the ways women resist powerful social forces and exert control over their lives.

All Upper Division General Education courses are required to be “writing intensive.” This is a writing intensive course. This means that there are writing requirements for the course totalling a minimum of 2500 words. This requirement will be satisfied by the homework assignments. You will be given explicit guidelines for the homework assignments. Exams will be multiple choice.

There are two texts are required for the course.

Womack, Mari and Judith Marti, Editors
1993 The Other Fifty Percent: Multicultural Perspectives on Gender Relations. Prospect Heights, Illinois, Waveland Press.
(Referred to as "W&M")

Sanday, Peggy Reeves and Ruth Gallagher Goodenough, Editors
1990 Beyond the Second Sex: New Directions in the Anthropology of Gender.
(Referred to as "S&G")

Grading will be based on comparing your points with the points of your classmates. This is grading “on a curve.” Usually about half of the class receives a B or better. A few
“minus” and “plus” grades will be given. There is no “extra credit” option. To succeed in this course you need to concentrate your efforts on the assignments and lectures.

The exams will cover lectures, assigned readings, and videos. Since lectures will contain material not in the texts, you will need to attend class to pass the exams. Additional assigned readings (to be announced in lecture) will be on reserve in the library. There may be some videos not listed on this syllabus. Check the course web page (http://www.csun.edu/~ss24912) weekly for announcements and links to handouts.

Attendance in class is necessary for your education. In general it is better to attend part of a class than it is to be absent. However, show consideration and respect for your fellow students by your classroom comportment. Arrive at class on time and remain until you are dismissed. Don’t bring food into the classroom. Turn off your cell phone before class begins. You may neither place nor answer phone calls or text messages during class. If any of these points are difficult for you to follow, bring the matter up with Dr. Siemens.

Makeup exams will generally not be offered. If you are prevented from taking an exam due to circumstances beyond your control, I will make a judgment as whether you merit a makeup test or some other grading method. Cheating will result in a grade of F for the course. I require everyone to show a photo I.D. to take the exams. Exams are multiple choice. Check your final exam date (12-12-07) and time (10:15AM-12:15PM) before buying airline tickets.

You are required to answer some of the study questions and turn the homework in for grading. Homework will improve your writing skills and help prepare you for the examinations. I will provide you with explicit guidelines for your Study Question Homework.

The course grade will be determined as follows:

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WEEK 1
Monday, August 27
SCOPE OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Wednesday, August 29
CONCEPT OF CULTURE
Reserve Reading-Harris & Johnson-Cultural Anthropology (excerpt) pp.1-12
Friday August 31, 2007
GENDER AS A CONCEPT OF DISCOURSE
Read W&M Womack & Marti On the Nature of Things: Introduction pp.5-15
Read W&M De Beauvoir, Woman as Other pp.50-56
Read S&G Sanday, Introduction pp.1-11

WEEK 2
Monday, September 3 LABOR DAY NO CLASS

Wednesday, September 5
GENDER AS A CONCEPT OF DISCOURSE
GENDER ROLES
Read W&M Bell, Separate People: Speaking of Creek Men and Women pp.28-35

Friday, September 7
GENDER ROLES
Video: Masai Women

WEEK 3
Monday, September 10
Video: Guardians of the Flutes

Wednesday, September 12
HOMEWORK DUE
GENDER ROLES
Read W&M Langness, Oedipus in the New Guinea Highlands pp.36-49
Read S&G Meigs, Multiple Gender Ideologies and Statuses pp.99-112

Friday, September 14
GENDER ROLES
Read S&G Goodenough, Situational Stress and Sexist Behavior among Young Children pp.223-251

WEEK 4
Monday, September 17
GENDER ROLES
Read S&G Sanday, Androcentric and Matrifocal Gender Representations in Minangkabau Ideology pp.139-168

Wednesday, September 19
GENDER ROLES
Read S&G Lepowski, Gender in an Egalitarian Society: The Case from the Coral Sea pp.171-223
Friday, September 21
GENDER BIAS (METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES OF WOMEN)
Read W&M  Womack, Why Not Ask the Women?: Introduction pp.61-68
Read W&M  Mead, Samoa: The Adolescent Girl pp.69-83

WEEK 5
Monday, September 24
GENDER BIAS (METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES IN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES OF WOMEN)
Read W&M  Powdermaker, A Woman Alone in the Field pp.84-90

Wednesday, September 26
HOMEWORK DUE
GENDER BIAS
Read W&M  Siemens, Access to Women's Knowledge: The Azande Experience pp.91-98

Friday, September 28
GENDER BIAS
Read W&M  Womack and Barker, Adventures in the Field and in the Locker Room pp.99-112

WEEK 6
Monday, October 1
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Video: Dadi’s Family

Wednesday, October 3
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Read W&M  Schlegel, Status, Property and the Value on Virginity pp.123-134

Friday, October 5
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Read W&M  Moore, Symbol and Meaning in Nayar Marriage Ritual pp.135-148

WEEK 7
Monday, October 8
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Read W&M  Lazarus-Black, Why Women Take Men to Magistrate's Court pp.149-162
Wednesday, October 10
HOMEWORK DUE
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Friday, October 12
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Read S&G Barnes, Women, Property and Power pp.253-280

WEEK 8
Monday, October 15
MARRIAGE AND ITS SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS
Video: Asante Market Women

Wednesday, October 17
MIDTERM EXAM

Friday, October 19
ECONOMICS AND GENDER STRATIFICATION
Read W&M Marti, Economics, Power and Gender Relations: Introduction p.179-184

WEEK 9
Monday, October 22
MIDTERM EXAM RESULTS
ECONOMICS AND GENDER STRATIFICATION
Read W&M Gilmore, Men and Women in Southern Spain: "Domestic Power" Revisited pp.185-200

Wednesday, October 24
ECONOMICS AND GENDER STRATIFICATION
Read W&M Lederman Contested Order: Gender and Society in the Southern New Guinea Highlands pp. 201-217

Friday, October 26
ECONOMICS AND GENDER STRATIFICATION
Read W&M Estioko-Griffin, Daughters of the Forest pp.225-232
Week 10
Monday, October 29
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Read W&M Womack, Gender on Earth and in the Cosmos: Introduction pp.237-246
Read W&M Gold, Power as Violence: Hindu Images of Female Fury pp.247-260

Wednesday October 31
HOMEWORK DUE
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Read W&M Friedl, Legendary Heroines: Ideal Womanhood and Ideology in Iran pp.261-266

Friday, November 2
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Video: We are Mehinaku

Week 11
Monday, November 5
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Video: “N!ai”

Wednesday, November 7
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Read W&M Shostak, A Healing Ritual: The Life and Words of Nisa, a !Kung Woman pp.267-278

Friday, November 9
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Video: Small Happiness

WEEK 12
Monday, November 12 Veteran’s Day NO CLASSES

Wednesday, November 14
HOMEWORK DUE
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Read W&M Wolf, The Woman Who Didn’t Become a Shaman pp.279-294

Friday, November 16
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER
Read S&G Gottleib, Rethinking Female Pollution: The Beng Case (Côte d’Ivoire) pp.113-138
WEEK 13  
Monday, November 19  
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  
Read W&M  Marti, Challenges to the Social and Cosmic Order: Introduction pp.299-302  

Wednesday, November 21  
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  

Friday, November 23  THANKSGIVING DAY  No Class

WEEK 14  
Monday, November 26  
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  
Read S&G  Kopytoff, Women’s Roles and Existential Identities pp.75-98

Wednesday, November 28  
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER  
Read S&G  Schlegel Gender Meanings: General and Specific pp.21-41

Friday, November 30  
TRANSCENDENT MEANINGS OF GENDER  
Video: Hopi: Songs of the Fourth World  
Dr. Siemens will be attending the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C.

WEEK 15  
Monday, December 3  
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  
Read S&G  Bledsoe, School Fees and the Marriage Process for Mende Girls in Sierra Leone pp.279-309

Friday, December 5  
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN  
Read W&M  Pompiono, A Businesswoman among Middlemen: A Case from Siassi pp.340-348
FINALS WEEK
Monday, December 10
Last Office Hours 11AM-12:30PM
CHANGE'S COSTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
Read W&M Barker, Shades of Blue: Female and Male Perspectives on Policing pp.349-360

Wednesday, December 12 FINAL EXAM 10:15-12:15PM