# PSY 2214 Psychology and Gender

**Aim of the Course**:

This course is designed to broaden the students’ awareness of the psychological theories and research regarding the differences and similarities between men and women and we will discuss how psychology can help transcend the limitations imposed by traditional gender stereotyping and roles. We will connect theory and research to our personal lives.

**Course contents:** Definition of gender, Assumptions about sex and gender, The construction of gender identity;theories of gender development; Sex differences in the brain, personality and emotion; [Gender Differences in](http://www.questia.com/PM.qst?a=o&d=57129791) Intelligence & Cognitive Abilities; Gender and the Education system; Gender and Employment; Gender, Relationships & Sexuality; Sexual Identity and Orientation; Sexual harassment; Gendered communication; Gender and Health; the Power of the Unconscious Ideology; Elimination of sex inequalities

**Reading List**

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Jill McLean Taylor, Carol Gilligan, and Amy Sullivan (1995). Between voice and silence: Women and girls: race and relationship. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

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