

University of Nairobi
Institute of Anthropology, Gender and African Studies
B.A Gender and development studies
NGE 101: Introduction to Gender Studies
Course Outline
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Course overview: The course examines contemporary gender relations in African society, in our everyday lives, the school, and the home. To what extent can we explain these relations in terms of women's and men's choices and to what extent in terms of masculinities and femininities, laws and institutions, and the distribution of power and resources in our society?

Key topics

- 1. Defining key terms: Sex, gender, development and sexuality**
- 2. Gender and social change in Africa: evolution from a historical perspective**
 - Brief on WID, WAD and GAD
 - Feminism (Radical, Marxist and Liberal) versus the question of integrating women in development
- 3. Theories of development and underdevelopment**
 - Dependency;
 - Modernization;
 - Rights Based Approach;
 - Globalization;
 - World systems theory
- 4. Global Development Agenda and gender issues**
 - SAPs and Gender issues
 - MDGs and Gender issues
 - SDGs and gender issues
- 5. Globalization and the new gender equation**
 - The emerging gender identities and relations
 - The changing gender roles in the face of globalization
- 6. Gender and reproductive health**
 - The centrality of gender as analytical concept in RH
 - The 1994 Cairo ICPD as a primer to gender and RH
 - Male as integral partners in RH
- 7. Mainstreaming gender into Kenya's vision 2030**
 - The gender highlights of vision 2030
 - Challenges and opportunities in realization of the provisions
- 8. Gender issues in Kenya's constitution**
 - Introduction to CEDAW as international women's legal regime
 - African charter and the question of gender
 - Gender audit of *Kenya 2010* constitution and subsequent legislations
- 9. The LGBTI-U as an emerging identity**
 - Rethinking *gender* as a dichotomous term that marginalizes *LGBTI-U*
 - The question of Social resistance and tolerance to LGBTI-U

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