

How To Read for this Class

This class contains a wide variety of students. Some of you are in high school, preparing for your path to four-year colleges and graduate school. Some of you are coming back to college after raising families. Others of you are juggling working, parenting, and school. Still others of you are new to college-level reading, writing, and analysis.

Because we have a wide range of students in this class, we also have a wide range of reading options. For each unit, there will be required course materials and optional course materials.

Required Course Materials

Everyone is responsible to read or watch the required course materials. I ask that you complete this preparation before class starts for the week. Our weekly Opening Question and Getting Ready quiz will cover this material.

This course is exciting because our textbook is still being written! This also means you may see errors or inconsistencies in the current version of the textbook. Your feedback is really valuable to the author team and future students

Our textbook is [Sociology of Gender](#)

You can choose to read the book online or print copies as you need them. Please let me know if you need further help with accessing the textbook.

Optional Course Materials

In addition to the required chapters and videos, the textbook also includes links to websites, blogs, videos, and other materials. The Canvas course site may also occasionally include optional readings. You are welcome to explore more deeply if you like.

Estimated Hours of Work to Read/Watch Course Materials

We've designed these course materials so that you get through the required course materials in about 2 hours, depending on how many links you click on, and how fast you read.

Listening to your Textbook

Unfortunately, Pressbook does not have a text-to-speech feature. However, [Read Aloud \[website\]](#)

is a free Google Chrome extension that allows students to hear web content read aloud. Try this out with the Pressbook open in a Chrome browser. This app is open source and will not charge a subscription fee or service fee at any time. Additional options that require a little more practice and orientation than Read Aloud:

- [NVDA is a free screen reader software \[website\]](#) that will allow PC students to access web content in text-to-speech format.
- [VoiceOver \[website\]](#) is a built-in screen reading feature on Mac products that provides text-to-speech functionality

Enjoy!