

GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND THE LAW

GNDR_ST 340/LEGAL_ST 340



This course is a survey of how ideas about gender and sexuality have influenced the development of law and legal systems in America, and how law in turn has shaped conceptions of gender and sexuality. We will study the impact of ideas about gender in particular areas of law, including citizenship, immigration, family law, civil rights, employment law, property law, and laws involving bodily integrity and autonomy. We will pay attention to how seemingly gender-neutral laws may have particularly gendered effects based on social context. We will also examine how various groups have used the law to strengthen and to challenge existing gender norms, identities, and roles. Throughout the course, we will pay attention to the way other identities such as race, ethnicity, and class have intersected with gender to effect how law is shaped and applied.

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