

LING 25/WOMN 25 – Introduction to Language and Gender

This class is being offered for the first time at MPC and is still under construction. As a result, there is no syllabus available yet, but I can tell you that the course discusses gender as a social construct and the way that language is used by men and women in our society. However, the course also suggests that there is no such thing as men's and women's language. But, don't worry! We'll have plenty of time to discuss all these things during the semester.

Language and Gender is also a relatively new area of linguistics (started in 1975) that is currently going through its fourth revision. Language and Gender is one of the more dynamic areas in linguistics today.

How we use language greatly affects our status and roles in society as well as the relationships we form with others. This class will give us all ample opportunities to reflect on our own and others' language use, and I believe that you will find the content intriguing and applicable to your own life.

The required class text is

***Language and Gender*, 2nd Edition, Mary Talbot ©2010 Polity Press**

It is available at the MPC Bookstore and from online vendors. If you can, buy it early and get a head-start on the reading. We'll be going through the book chapter by chapter, starting on page one.

I look forward to working with you during the semester and will do my best to make this class the best possible experience I can for you.

Sincerely, Richard Abend

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

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