

ENGL 7/8510

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Tuesdays, 1-4 pm

### **Gender and Language**

This course examines the study of gender and language from multiple perspectives from foundational research in the field to contemporary applications. We will investigate the gender differences and the negotiations of power that are instantiated in language and interrogate how language provides an important resource for constructing gender identities and roles. We will consider different aspects of language, from address terms and pronouns to conversational dynamics and speech acts, as they relate to gendered meanings. Finally, we will contemplate how foundational findings and beliefs about language and gender have transformed in our contemporary understanding of what gender is and how it intersects with other identities.