

AMBERTON UNIVERSITY
e-COURSE SYLLABUS

HBD5721.E1 Sex Roles in Business & Society
Fall 2026

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COURSE INFORMATION:

HBD5721.E1 Sex Roles in Business & Society
Level: Graduate
Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, September 12, 2026
Ending Date of Session: Thursday, November 19, 2026

Student access available to the Student Portal: Saturday, September 12, 2026.

Students enrolled in distance learning courses are not assessed any additional fees for security or identity verification.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

None

TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Title: Business & Society
Author: Carroll/Brown
Publisher: Cengage Learning
Year Published: 2023
Edition: 11th
ISBN: 13: 9780357718629
Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, www.Amberton.edu. There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal.

The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in the course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

APA Requirement

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

COURSE COMPETENCIES:

The course analyzes the interface between sex roles and organizational expectations. The primary objective of the course is to help students develop greater understanding and respect for all of their colleagues in both business and other social environments. Topics and activities include defining and identifying sex roles, explaining impacts of social institutions, articulating the process of identity development, and developing communication strategies and messages for males and females.

CAVEAT: No graduate credit will be awarded if HBD4721 has been successfully completed.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:

1. Distinguishing among the definitions of sex, sex roles, gender identity, and gender studies.
2. Identifying sex roles that are common within the contemporary Western cultures.
3. Explaining the impact of social institutions such as the family, church, school, and state upon changing sex roles.
4. Articulating the process of identity development with emphasis upon sex role expectations at each phase of the life span.
5. Defining gender stereotypes and examining how stereotypes are learned.
6. Analyzing the role of media in portraying sex roles and gender stereotypes in business and society.
7. Identifying and differentiating the communication strategies and messages for males and females.
8. Discussing the choices available to men and women in choosing an occupation.
9. Explaining gender differences in job search behavior.
10. Outlining the pay issues and non-pay issues of the sex discrimination laws.
11. Comparing and contrasting the meaning of work to both sexes and exploring its relevance to changing demographics among the work force.
12. Discussing the problems and solutions of mixed sex teams.
13. Describing the learned helplessness paradigm as it influences choices of American men and women.
14. Analyzing the impact of stress on working men and women.
15. Examining leader stereotypes and leadership style theories, including the concept of androgyny in leadership style.
16. Articulating an understanding of the legal and social definitions of sexual harassment; the two forms of harassment recognized by the EEOC, and the four types of sexual harassment.
17. Discussing the role of organizational culture in dealing with issues of sexual harassment and organizational romance.
18. Summarizing the steps that companies should take in creating a policy on harassment.
19. Analyzing the role of media in portraying sex roles and gender stereotypes in business and society.
20. Creating a mental framework for thriving in the presence of changing societal gender viewpoints.
21. Comparing sex roles in Western and other major Global Cultures.
22. Assessing the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance communication between men and women.

Acquired Skills:

1. Performance Improvement
2. Communication Skills
3. Critical Thinking

COURSE POLICIES:

1. Read and complete all exercises by the due date. An exercise submitted after the due date will be assessed a penalty of 10% for each day it is late. Work submitted more than one week after the scheduled due date will NOT be accepted.
2. Exercises may be submitted early, but no more than two Exercises can be submitted in any one week.
3. Only completed exercises may be submitted. Please do NOT submit an exercise in parts.
4. Include your name in the email as well as on the first page of the exercise.

5. The last day to submit exercises will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026, during Week 10. Only one Exercise will be accepted during Week 10.

Student's Responsibilities

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. A Student in a lecture course missing more than 20% (two class periods for weekday classes or one class period for Saturday classes) of the class meetings may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be assigned a grade of an "F" or withdrawn at the discretion of Amberton University.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine, newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University's code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Self-plagiarism means reusing work that you have already published or submitted for a class. It can involve:

- Resubmitting an entire paper
- Copying or paraphrasing passages from your previous work

Self-plagiarism misleads your readers by presenting previous work as completely new and original. Students may not submit the same paper in substance in two or more classes without prior written permission of the instructors involved.

Amberton University students who use Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated content must adhere to the following policies:

Originality: Students must avoid presenting AI generated content as their own original work. It is essential to acknowledge the involvement of AI in the content creation process in order to maintain academic and ethical standards.

Paraphrasing: When using AI generated content, students must rephrase and/or modify the generated text. Paraphrased AI generated content should also be properly cited.

Acknowledgement: When using AI generated content in any assignment, proper credit must be given to the AI system that generated the content. <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism and self-plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin "Draft Coach" is a Google based add-on to Turnitin which supports students in developing high-quality academic writing; and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach helps address errors and improve the quality of student's writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work both in academics and in the workplace.

Please see below for instructions.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:

Week 1 - The Business and Society Relationship
 Week 2 – Corporate Social Responsibility, Performance, and Impact
 Week 3 – The Stakeholder Approach to Business, Society and Ethics
 Week 4 – Business Ethics Essentials
 Week 5 – Managerial and Organizational Ethics
 Week 6 – Employee Stakeholders and Workplace Issues
 Week 7 – Employee Stakeholders: Privacy, Health, Wellness, and Safety
 Week 8 – Employee Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion
 Week 9 – Employee Discrimination, Diversity, and Inclusion (Continued)
 Week 10 – Artificial Intelligence Project and Term Paper

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
1	The Business and Society Relationship	Study Ch. 1; Complete Exercise 1: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 16)	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 19, 21,	September 15
2	Corporate Social Responsibility, Performance, and Impact	Study Ch. 2; Complete Exercise 2: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 40)	2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 15, 19,	September 22
3	The Stakeholder Approach to Business, Society, and Ethics	Study Ch. 3; Complete Exercise 3: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (pp. 64-65)	3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 19,	September 29
4	Business Ethics Essentials	Study Ch. 5; Complete Exercise 4: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 120)	2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 21,	October 6
5	Managerial and Organizational Ethics	Study Ch. 6; Complete Exercise 5: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 148)	1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15,	October 13

6	Employee Stakeholders and Workplace Issues	Study Ch. 11: Complete Exercise 6: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 268)	1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 18,	October 20
7	Employee Stakeholders: Privacy, Health, Wellness, and Safety	Study Ch. 12; Complete Exercise 7: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 289)	4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 17,	October 27
8	Employment Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion	Study Ch. 13; Complete Exercise 8: Discussion Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 (p. 311)	4, 5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20,	November 3
9	Employment Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion	Complete Exercise 9: Discussion Questions 6, 7, 8, & 9 (p. 311)	4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20,	November 10
10	The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Business & Society	Complete Artificial Intelligence Project and Term Paper	22	November 17

GRADING CRITERIA:

Exercise 1: 5% of grade
 Exercise 2: 5% of grade
 Exercise 3: 5% of grade
 Exercise 4: 5% of grade
 Exercise 5: 5% of grade
 Exercise 6: 5% of grade
 Exercise 7: 5% of grade
 Exercise 8: 5% of grade
 Exercise 9: 20% of grade
 Artificial Project: 20% of grade
 Term Paper: 20% of grade

GRADING CRITERIA:

(Grading Scale –
 Assignment/Assessment Breakdown
 Assignment/Points or Percentage
 Due Date

Graduate
 92 – 100 A
 82 – 91 B
 72 – 81 C
 62 – 71 D
 Below 62 F

GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:

Students should review instructor feedback provided through Moodle or Amberton CampusWeb Portal. Final grades are processed after the session and may be viewed through the student portal. Grades will not be released by phone or through unsecured channels.

Incomplete Grades

An "I" (Incomplete) grade is granted only at the professor's discretion for emergencies or illness.

Students have 30 days from the end of the session to complete the course requirements. If the conditions are not met within this 30-day window, the "I" automatically converts to an "F".

How To Withdraw From a Course

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:

This course is delivered through Moodle. Students are expected to have reliable internet access, basic computer skills, the ability to upload/download files, use Amberton email, and submit assignments in the required format. Students needing assistance should use the Amberton SSO support/ticket process.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COURSE:

SINGLE SIGN-ON (SSO) INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMBERTON UNIVERSITY

Students should access Amberton systems through the Single Sign-On portal at <https://sso.amberton.edu>. After logging in, students can access Moodle, Amberton email, CampusWeb, and other assigned applications. Students who need help accessing SSO should submit a support request through the SSO support option or contact support@amberton.edu.

Moodle Tutorial:

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:

Students will communicate with faculty through the Moodle Learning Platform or the Amberton University email system.

Email Communication

Students are expected to use their Amberton email account and Moodle for course communication. Students should check Amberton emails regularly for course and university notices.

Upon completion of a session, all communication and course specific information is removed from the Moodle system. If a student needs to maintain a record of communications or assignments, the student is strongly encouraged to print out or download these items to a disk for their own records.

FORMAT AND SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignments must be submitted through the appropriate Moodle assignment link unless otherwise directed by the instructor. Students are responsible for submitting files in the format required by the instructor.

INSTRUCTOR/COURSE EVALUATION:

Students will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous course and instructor evaluation near the end of the session. Instructions and dates will be provided through Moodle and/or Amberton email.

RESEARCH RESOURCES:

The **Amberton Library** provides access to full-text articles, peer-reviewed databases, and research tools, with options like Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and TexShare for items outside its collection. For research assistance, students can connect with library staff during operating hours via email (Library@amberton.edu), phone (972-279-6511 ext. 185), "How-to" videos, live online chat, or in person at the Garland campus.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 EDUCATION:

Amberton University students may access Microsoft 365 Education resources as provided by the university.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR EDUCATION:

Amberton students are assigned a Google Workspace for Education account, including Amberton Gmail, Google Drive, Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides. Students should use their Amberton Google account for course-related work when required.