

Sociology of Femininity & Masculinity.

Masculinity and femininity are socially constructed, not biological, categories that reflect stereotypes about psychological and social characteristics, appearance, behavior, clothing, hobbies, interests, occupations, educational specialties, sexual and interpersonal relationships between men and women. There is a great variety of traditional models of masculinity and femininity, which are culturally determined, but the vast majority of them are based on opposition: subject - object, strength - weakness, activity - passivity, rigidity - softness, mind-emotions, body -soul.

In today's transformational environment, most developed societies are experiencing a crisis of femininity and masculinity, because stereotypes about femininity and masculinity do not meet the challenges of today.

Thus, the subject of the discipline is modern approaches to defining the essence, nature of masculinity and femininity as analytical categories and social construct, gender conflicts caused by the crisis of masculinity and femininity.

The main tasks of studying the credit module " Sociology of Femininity & Masculinity " are:

- to form an idea of the conceptual sociological approaches that underlie the theory of Femininity & Masculinity ;
- to form an idea of the basic terms and concepts of gender sociology;
- to form an idea of the features of the formation of theories of gender socialization as one of the sources of gender conflicts;
- to identify the specifics of sociological analysis of the role and place of feminism in the process of forming gender issues;
- to analyze the system of social relations in society, on the basis of which masculinity and femininity are constructed;
- to model algorithms of the behavior for the purpose of maintenance of effective and full realization of the rights and opportunities of men and women;
- to implement modern strategies for resolving gender conflicts related to representations and manifestations of masculinity and femininity;

