**SS144 Introduction to Sociology**

**Unit 4 Assignment**

**Participant Observation Checklist**

Use this Checklist to record your observations for the Unit 4 Assignment to look for signs of everyday life organized by gender.

Remember that the intent of research is to identify and explain two examples of how society is segmented by gender at any single location in your community. You might choose a park, a grocery store, your favorite pub or fast food restaurant, a department store, or the local hardware store. Keep in mind that you should be acting in both the participant and observer roles. Look around to see if there are obvious signs that gender determines some aspect of how people act in that location.

**Methods Notes:**

**Date and time of observation**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Location of observation** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Description of the location (including the physical layout of the location):**

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**Summary Notes:**

**Observation 1**

* Who did you observe? (Describe their sex, age, race/ethnicity, size, attire, etc.)
* How were those you observed related or organized? (Were they family, friends, strangers, etc.?)
* What did it appear that they were doing there? (Work, entertainment, shopping, socializing, other)?
* What observations suggested that the subjects were (or were not) influenced by gender?

**Observation 2**

* Who did you observe? (Describe their sex, age, race/ethnicity, size, attire, etc.)
* How were those you observed related or organized? (Were they family, friends, strangers, etc.?)
* What did it appear that they were doing there? (Work, entertainment, shopping, socializing, other)?
* What observations suggested that the subjects were (or were not) influenced by gender?