



#### **Course Name**

GNDS / BLCK 280/3.0 #MeToo Across the Globe: A Transnational

Movement to End Sexual Violence

### **Contact Hours**

Lecture: Tuesdays from 11:30a.m.-1p.m. Tutorials: Fridays from 1p.m.-2:30p.m.

## **Course Description**

This special topics course explores the transnational #MeToo movement and the issue of sexual violence against Black women, racialized women, and gender-diverse people. It traces the movement's origins before #MeToo went viral in October 2017. It follows a chain of key pioneers and silence breakers throughout recent history. Students will learn how the #MeToo movement took shape in different geographical locations worldwide, focusing on North America (Canada, Quebec, and the United States) and Europe (France). In addition, students will better understand the unique implications, dilemmas, and realities of sexual violence and breaking the silence for Black, racialized, female, and gender-diverse people in these geographical contexts. In addition, classes and readings will focus on case studies of specific activists and the history of social movements and resistance to rape culture through a feminist, antiracist, and intersectional lens. Guest speakers, films, video clips, and in-class discussions will be used to support the students' learning.

## **Required Course Materials**

 All of the required readings will be made available on OnQ by the course instructor.

### **Course Objectives**

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand the key specificities of sexual violence for Black, racialized women, girls, and gender-diverse people through an intersectional framework;
- Explain how the #MeToo movement emerged in North America and Europe;
- Analyze the #MeToo movement through a feminist, antiracist, and intersectional lens;
- Know the names and histories of several trailblazers who contributed to #MeToo
- Have a critical and complex analysis of the quest for justice when experiencing sexual violence;
- Understand the impact and consequences of the #MeToo movement on society, politics, media, law, and institutions.

#### **Course Evaluation**

- Proposal for Reflection Essay (10%)
- Exam (multiple choice and short/medium answers) (20%)
- Reflection Essay (30%)
- Oral Presentation on an example of the movement in a given location/context/country (30%)
- Participation and attendance in class and tutorials (10%)





# **Topics in Course Outline**

- The origins and the history of the #MeToo movement;
- The #MeToo movement in different geographical locations;
- The populations that have been left out of #MeToo as it went viral;
- Feminist cyberactivism as a tool for social change;
- The impact of the #MeToo movement on society, politics, media, law and other institutions;

- What does justice look like for survivors of sexual violence?
- Transformative, restorative and criminal justice;
- The #MeToo backlash;
- The future of the #MeToo movement;
- Sexual Violence Against Black Women and Girls;
- High-profile case studies of Black and racialized women who have contributed to #MeToo in recent history.