GNDS 215 Introduction to Sexual and Gender Diversity

Delivery Method: ONLINE

The students should allocate 10-12 hours per week for coursework.

Course Description

GNDS 215 is an introduction to studies in sexuality and gender diversity. It surveys the field and includes topics such as classical inquiries into sexuality, contemporary theories on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer identities, sexual movements, human rights, sexual morality, pornography, global sex trade, and queer cultural production. This course is open to all students but required for students enrolled in the Certificate in Sexual and Gender Diversity. It is designed to introduce SXGS students to the field and prepare them for selecting future courses.

Course Instructor

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Required Course Materials

The textbook for this course is Sex, Gender, and Sexuality: The New Basics (3rd edition) by Abby L. Ferber, Kimberly Holcomb, and Tre Wentling. (2017; New York: Oxford University Press)

Course Objectives

- Identify and describe diverse gender and sexual identities, practices, and experiences
- Identify and describe strategies for social justice and change for a more equitable society
- Explain the importance of power relations in relation to social, political, and economic context in shaping understandings of sex, gender, and sexual diversity
- Critically analyze some of the ways that sex, gender, and sexual diversity have been theorized
- Apply a critical intersectional approach to analyze the ways that race, class, (dis)ability, age, and nationality interact with experiences of gender, gender identities, and sexuality
- Critically engage with current controversies and debates within the field of gender and sexuality studies

Course Evaluation

Syllabus quiz- ungraded

Media Reflection- 20%

4 Quizzes- 15% (Highest 3

grades)

Raising Critical Awareness- 20%

Writing Exercises- 20%

Final Paper- 25%

Topics in Course Outline

Introduction to SXGD

Theorizing Sexual and Gender Diversity

Discourses of Difference

Identity and Community

Queer Theory, Queer Politics

Governance of Bodies

SXGD and Racialization

SXGD and Indigeneity

SXGD, Health and Care work: Age/Aging

SXGD, Health, and Care work: Disability

SXGD, Youth, and Education

SXGD, Class, and Sex Work