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| **Course Name GNDS 280 3.0/ Sex Work in Society**  **Contact Hours**  **Mondays 11:30am-2:30pm**  **No tutorial**  **Office hours by appointment** | |  |
| **Course Description**  This course has been created to offer second year Gender Studies students a comprehensive introduction to the study of sex work in various societal contexts. This course seeks to provide students with an introductory range of frameworks for analysing sex work, rather than offering specialized knowledge in any one area. Sex work is a type of consensual labour that includes different types of work such as escorting, camming, stripping, and domming, which occur at different locations such as the street, massage parlours, clubs, brothels, and homes. Overarching themes in the class are the decriminalization and de-stigmatization of sex work. This class does not cover human or sex trafficking, and sex work is not conflated with sex trafficking. The readings for the class are not only academic, but also include writings by current and former sex workers who have various experiences of different types of sex work from different social locations. If students are inspired by the class, they will have a general topical knowledge from which they can focus and hone in on their own specific sex work research areas.  Students will be invited to participate in a variety of learning activities including (group) activities during class, choice in type of paper to complete (analysis or research), creation of some take home exam questions, and opportunities to select some readings for one of the last weeks of class. | | **Required Course Materials**  All readings/resources are available online through course reserves except:  Cull, K. (2017). *Rock paper sex. Breakwater Press.*  This book is not available to institutions as an online resource. The library has obtained a physical copy that is available on 3 hour loan. The class requires students to read the book in it’s entirety so students are encouraged to purchase the book, if financially feasible. Currently retailing on Amazon for approx. $20.00 CAD |
| **Course Objectives**  By the end of the course, students should be able to:   1. Identify the different sex work legislation models around the world 2. Identify the different social discourses surrounding sex work and sex workers 3. Understand the connection between social discourse and legislation 4. Be adept at analysing various stigmas surrounding sex work and sex workers 5. Be familiar with the heterogeneity of sex work practices and sex workers transnationally 6. Be familiar with various sex work related readings and resources | | **Course Evaluation**   * Knowledge Reflections (2) totalling 10% * Attendance 12.5% * Participation 12.5% * Analysis or Research Paper Proposal 10% * Analysis or Research Paper 25% * Final Take Home Exam 30% * Bonus Reflection 5% |
| **Topics in Course Outline**   * **Local Sex Work** * **Global Sex Work** * **Sex Work Discourses** * **Legislation** * **Activist Interventions and Public Discourse** * **A Whole Story** * **Student Selected Readings or Sex Work in Academia** |  | |