**Course Name**
GNDS 120/3.0 Women, Gender, Difference

**Contact Hours**
Lecture: Tuesdays 1:30-2:20pm and Thursdays 12:30-1:30pm
Tutorials: Tuesdays 4:30-5:20pm OR Wednesdays 4:30-5:20pm

**Course Instructor**
Dr. Melissa Houghtaling

**Course Description**
This introductory course explores women, gender, and difference from feminist anti-racist perspectives. It identifies the ways in which women’s activism, politics, and experiences intersect with other gendered identifications including race, sexuality, class, and ability. Students will study how dominant and interlocking systems of oppression such as racism, colonialism, heteropatriarchy, and ableism support hierarchical notions of difference and (re)produce social inequalities. Lessons and texts will examine different forms of feminist anti-racist activism, social justice work, and resistance.

**Course Objectives**
By the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Identify key topics, questions, and methods in the field of gender studies;
- Explain how different feminist viewpoints account for gender difference;
- Understand and apply intersectionality theory to their own studies, work, and activism;
- Describe how gender studies plays a role in their own education and in broader life;
- Discuss strategies for thinking, working, and communicating together with others across difference.

**Required Course Materials**
- All readings are available through the library’s e-reserve.

**Course Evaluation**
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**Topics in Course Outline**
- Introduction to Feminism and Gender Studies
- Constructions of Sex, Gender, and Racial Difference
- Intersectionality Theory
- Systems of oppression: racism, colonialism, heteropatriarchy, cissexism, capitalism, ableism.
- Feminist anti-racist activism today:
  - Black Feminist Activism and BLM
  - Indigenous Feminist Activism and Environmental Justice
  - Anti-Capitalist Feminism and Mutual Aid
  - Queer Politics and LGBTQ2S+ Activism
  - Trans and Non-Binary Visibility
  - Intersex Activism
  - Feminism and Disability Justice
  - Activism in/thru Sports
  - Working Together: Allies and Accomplices
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