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

**Course Instructor**
Dr. Melissa Houghtaling

**Contact Hours**
Lectures: 2 x 1 hr/wk for 12 weeks
Tutorials: 1 x 1 hr/wk for 12 weeks

**Course Description**
This course explores women, gender, and difference from feminist and anti-racist perspectives. It identifies the ways in which women’s activism, politics, and experiences intersect with other gendered identifications such as race, class, (dis)ability, and sexuality. Students will study how dominant and interlocking systems of oppression like heteropatriarchy, colonialism, and capitalism support hierarchical notions of difference and (re)produce social inequalities. Lessons and texts will introduce feminism, gender performance, the body, and strategies of resistance.

**Required Course Materials**
- Subscription to TopHat (≈$26)
- All assigned readings will be available on the e-reserve.

**Course Objectives**
By the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Identify key topics, questions, and methods in the interdisciplinary field of gender studies;
- Explain how different feminist viewpoints account for gender difference;
- Apply an intersectional lens to their own studies, work, and activism involving social inequalities and social justice;
- Describe how Gender Studies plays a role in their own education and in broader life; and
- Discuss strategies for thinking, working, and communicating together with others across difference.

**Course Evaluation**
- Quizzes (4) 20%
- Reflection Paper 10%
- Critical Response 10%
- Creative Project 15%
- Final Paper 25%
- Tutorial Participation 10%
- Lecture Participation 10%

**Topics in Course Outline**
- Feminism and its Dilemmas
- Theories of difference: power, privilege, and oppression
- Intersectionality theory
- Heteropatriarchy and cisnormativity
- Anti-racist feminisms: Indigenous and Black feminist politics
- Working together: Allies and Accomplices
- Trans and Intersex activism
- Two-Spirit and Queer activism
- Transnational feminism and activism
- Socialist feminism and poverty activism
- Feminist disability politics and activism
- Activism in professional sports
- Social movements: Black Lives Matter, Me Too, Idle No More, Say Her Name, intersex rights