**Course Name**  
GNDS 215/3.0 Introduction to Sexual and Gender Diversity

**Contact Hours**  
Lectures: Wednesdays 2:30-4:30pm  
Tutorials: Thursdays 8:30-9:20am OR 11:30am-12:20pm

**Course Description**  
This course is an introduction to critical studies in sexuality and gender diversity and is designed to familiarize students with a myriad of theories and topics in the field. Students will learn about classical and contemporary theories of sex, gender, and sexuality and explore a spectrum of identities and experiences, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual, intersex, queer, Two-Spirit, non-binary, and asexual. Students will furthermore examine how these diverse gender and sexual identities intersect with experiences of race, class, age, disability, and nationhood.

**Required Course Materials**  
- One notebook.

**Course Objectives**  
By the end of the course, students should be able to:  
- Critically analyze theories and discourses of sex, gender, and sexuality that have emerged since the 19th century;  
- Explain the role of power and context in shaping knowledge about sex, gender, and sexual diversity;  
- Apply an intersectional lens to explain how experiences of gender and sexuality are bound up with experiences of race, class, age, disability, culture, and nationhood;  
- Discuss how systems of privilege and oppression create social hierarchies of gender and sexuality;  
- Identify strategies for activism and social justice work with LGBTQ2S+ communities.

**Course Evaluation**  
- Quizzes (4) 20%  
- Reel-Out Film Review 15%  
- Writing Exercises (2) 15%  
- Final Paper 30%  
- Lecture Engagement 10%  
- Tutorial Participation 10%

**Topics in Course Outline**  
- Theories of sexual and gender diversity  
- Constructions of sex, gender, and sexuality  
- Scientific discourses of difference  
- Queer theory, queer politics  
- Intersections with race, Indigeneity, age, class, and disability  
- Questions of coming out  
- Diversity and reproductive justice  
- Identity & Community. Voices and experiences of:  
  - gay, lesbian, queer, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, Two-Spirit, trans, non-binary, intersex and gender non-conforming folx  
- Queering childhood  
- Sexual/gender diversity, class, and education  
- Sex work as work  
- Activism with/in LGBTQ2S+ Communities