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

### Contact Hours
Lectures: 1 x 2 hrs/wk for 12 weeks.  
Tutorials: 1 x 1 hr/wk for 12 weeks.

### 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, (dis)ability, 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, (dis)ability, culture, and nationhood;  
- Discuss how systems of privilege and oppression have created social hierarchies among different genders and sexualities;  
- Identify strategies for activism and social justice work with LGBTQ2S+ communities.

### Course Evaluation
- Writing Exercises 20%  
- Quizzes (4) 20%  
- Reel-Out Film Review 15%  
- Final Paper 25%  
- Lecture Engagement 10%  
- Tutorial Participation 10%

### Topics in Course Outline
- Theories of sexual and gender diversity  
- Power/Knowledge/Discourse  
- Diversity via intersectionality: race, ethnicity, age, class, disability, nation, and religion  
- Queer theory, queer politics  
- Polyamory and Non-Monogamies  
- Kink and BDSM  
- Sex Work  
- Constructing Sex: transsexuality, intersex, dyadic  
- Constructing Gender: masculinities and femininities; trans and cis identities, agender, Two-Spirit, non-binary  
- Constructing Sexuality: gay, lesbian, straight, asexual, bisexual, pansexual, ‘heteroflexible’