### 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.

### Course Instructor
Dr. Melissa Houghtaling

### 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 create social hierarchies of gender and sexuality;
- Identify strategies for activism and social justice work with LGBTQ2S+ communities.

### Course Evaluation
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### Topics in Course Outline
- Theories of sexual and gender diversity
- Scientific discourses of difference
- Intersections of sexuality and gender with race, ethnicity, age, class, education, disability, nation, and culture
- Queer theory, queer politics
- Polyamory and non-monogamies
- Sex work
- Identity development and community
- Constructing Sex: transsexuality, intersex, dyadic
- Constructing Gender: masculinities and femininities; trans and cis identities, agender, Two-Spirit, non-binary, genderqueer
- Constructing Sexuality: gay, lesbian, queer, asexual, bisexual, pansexual, ‘heteroflexible’, straight, questioning