**Course Name**  
GNDS 410: Special Topics in Gender Studies: Writing the Body

**Contact Hours/Delivery Method:**  
This course will run asynchronously (no scheduled lectures) and synchronously (periodic scheduled workshop meetings).

**Course Description**  
How are our bodies “written” and how do we write (from/of/about) the bodies we live? The question of the difference the body makes, the difference made of and between bodies, has been important for feminist, womanist, woman of color, anti-colonial, queer, trans and radical disability/crip writing and theory. This class will combine study of these trajectories of writing the body across a variety of genres with the practice of embodied creative writing in an online workshop format.

**Required Course Materials**
- Additional readings will be available via E-Reserves.

**Course Objectives**
- Survey and analyse a range of theories and practices of writing (from) the body from an intersectional feminist perspective
- Analyse creative writing and the creative writing workshop as an embodied, situated and political practice
- Practice embodied creative writing in a variety of genres
- Practice collaborative critical reading and writing
- Develop the capacity to analyse and constructively critique the creative work of peers
- Develop skills of revision and rewriting

**Course Evaluation**
- Participation in Class Discussion Forum (15%)
- Collaborative Writing Assignment (10%)
- Creative Writing Assignments (10% x 3 = 30%)
- Peer Editing Workshop (20%)
- Critical Interpretation (10%)
- Revision of one Creative Assignment (15%)

**Topics in Course Outline**
- What is writing the body? What is a writing body?
- Reading/writing as a practice of decolonization
- The writing workshop as feminist practice
- Writing what you know/Writing what you don’t: voice, appropriation, persona
- l’écriture feminine and beyond
- Writing: the Erotic, the Borderlands, the Sovereign Erotic
- Criping/Queering/Transing: bodies, genres, poetics
- Writing Afrofuturism across genres and media