GNDR-GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

GNDR 2110G. Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
3 Credits (3)
This course introduces students to key concepts, debates, and analytical tools informing Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. As an interdisciplinary field of study, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies employs academic perspectives from a range of disciplines and theoretical approaches. It also incorporates lived experience and social location into its object of analysis. Though content will vary according to the expertise and focus of the instructor, this course will develop tools through readings and assignments that critically analyze how gender and sexuality are shaped by different networks of power and social relations and demonstrate how the intersections of race, class, disability, national status, and other categories identity and difference are central to their understanding and deployment. In addition to feminist thought, areas of focus might include gender and sexuality in relation to social, cultural, political, creative, economic, or scientific discourses. This class is recommended for those with a general interest in the topic area as well as for those seeking a foundational course for further study. May be repeated up to 3 credits.

Learning Outcomes

1. Understand foundational concepts, theories, and approaches to gender and sexuality in conjunction with contemporary social justice movements such as feminism.
2. Describe the range of social and political forces that shape and are shaped by gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity, and other intersecting categories of identity.
3. Demonstrate the ability to conduct intersectional analysis.
4. Develop and improve skills in reading, critical thinking, academic writing, and public speaking.

GNDR 2120G. Representing Women Across Cultures
3 Credits (3)
Historical and critical examination of women's contributions to the humanities, with emphasis on the issues of representation that have contributed to exclusion and marginalization of women and their achievements.

Learning Outcomes

1. To think critically about contemporary discourses on gender, race, sexuality, and class.
2. To understand how forms of identity intersect with one another
3. To explore the ways power and privilege operate in contemporary society
4. To understand some of the ways social inequalities develop, function, and change
5. To further students' interest in developing their own ideas and research in issues of women and gender, sexuality, race, class, and nation