

**Sexual Subjects
GSWS 2273E**

**The University of Western Ontario (Western University)
London Canada
Department of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies**

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Class: 3hrs

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Course Description

This interdisciplinary course focuses on sexuality as a subject of study and considers how marginalization and discrimination has been structured, imposed, and resisted through the 20th and 21st century. Students will examine a variety of primary documents and theoretical texts informed by radical, sex-positive, and anti-racist feminism, queer theory, and psychoanalysis, among others to question the construction or nature of sexual identity and experience.

No prerequisites

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

Explain the socially constructed nature of sexuality, identity, and practice while considering the political opportunities of identity politics

Re-imagine historical progress and growing socio-political acceptance of gender and sexual diversity as the result of human action and activism, not the mere passage of time

Be empowered to participate in this activism and progress

Evaluate and apply theoretical work and key debates in feminism, sexuality studies, and queer theory

Assess

25% *Theorizing Sexual Practice*

Offer an assessment of how one or two theoretical perspectives can inform your (1) understanding of a sexual practice, or (2) a different theoretical perspective of your choosing. 5-6 pages.