

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Gender and Sexuality**

Course Number and Section:

PHILOSOP

2077F 550

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Course Description:

This course will explore the concepts of sex, gender, and sexuality through the perspectives of feminist philosophy, metaphysics, biology, social psychology, phenomenology, queer theory, and through discourse in contemporary media. We will attend to the complex ways in which expressions of sex, gender, and sexuality can enable oppression, empowerment, struggle, and/or joy. In doing so, we will see that these concepts play a significant role in shaping our social structures and institutions, social norms, subjective experiences, and socio-economic realities.

Topics may include oppression, intersectionality, stereotyping, privilege, sex categories & intersexuality, metaphysics of gender, trans/non-binary identities, femininity & masculinity, embodiment, disability and sexuality, the sex-positivity movement, asexuality, queer culture/queer joy, and others.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) Increased aptitude for evaluating philosophical arguments accurately and charitably
- 2) Gained familiarity with historical and contemporary questions and debates in feminist philosophy and queer theory
- 3) Developed the skills and language for having thoughtful and nuanced discussions relating to the concepts of sex, gender, and sexuality
- 4) Developed the ability to articulate and revise their own positions in these debates, as they appear in academic philosophy, media, and in students' own lived experiences
- 5) Honed the skills needed for writing a philosophical essay

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Course readings will be posted to Course Content on Brightspace.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Reflections		15

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2 Quizzes		20
Theory Summary		20
Final Essay		30
Attendance/Participation		15

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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