



The University of Victoria, Department of Gender Studies
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GNDR 320 Queer Desire

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Course Description:

GNDR 320 highlights the philosophical arguments, debates and shifting knowledges generated out of Queer theory's critique of Western productions of heterosexuality and identity. Students will be exposed to an historical range of theory in order to produce their own working definition of the concept 'queer' by the end of term.

Objectives:

To expose students to an historical range of theory regarding queer; to enable a critical analysis of queer (that is to complicate its discursive representations in Western culture); and to encourage critical thinking regarding the use of the term queer by way of academic scholarship.

Key Readings for course:

Foucault's History of Sexuality, Vol. 1, as well as several of the most influential queer theory excerpts and articles published since the 1990s.

Evaluation:

3 quizzes and 1 individual video project (range 10 – 30%)