GSWS 204-3: SEX AND THE CITY

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Course Description:  
This course explores the sexual politics of urban spaces. In so doing, we examine questions such as: What are the explicit and implicit ways that certain forms of sexuality (as well as sex acts and gender expression) are promoted or policed? Whose bodies - and which practices - are managed? How and where do these forms of management take place? Taking an intersectional approach to the relationship between cities and the intimate lives of their residents, the course examines various aspects of the urban form, including but not limited to: the built environment, social relations, laws and policies, oral histories, and memorial landscapes. Please note: this course asks students to consider explicit content - sex acts, not just sexual identities - in order to think through the mutual production of cities and sexualities.

Educational Goals:  
• I Display disciplinary knowledge of core concepts of gender and sexuality.  
• II Develop Transferable Skills and Information Literacy.  
• III Analyze and assess the concept of gender with an intersectional focus.  
• IV Analyze assess, and apply interdisciplinary approaches to gender and sexuality.  
• V Display Engaged and Empathetic citizenship.  

For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: [http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html](http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html)

Course Texts and Courseware:  
• Rae Spoon and Ivan E. Coyote, *Gender Failure*, Arsenal Pulp Press.  
• Leslie Kern, *Sex in the Revitalized City*, UBC Press.  
• Various content (journal articles, memoirs, podcasts, etc.) available online and/or via SFU library databases.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:  
• Attendance and participation 15%  
• Creative project design + written analyses 50%  
• Final exam 35%

Prerequisite: no prerequisites

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IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” ([WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING](http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching))