GSWS 314-4: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

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Course Description:
This course provides students with an overview of the interlocking nature of race, class and gender relations at the micro- and macro-levels of society. It explores a number of themes in the analysis of race, class, gender relations, and sexuality in contemporary industrial societies. Using feminist and anti-racist perspectives, the course examines how race is mediated through other forms of social difference such as gender, class, sexuality, dis/ability and age. Through a wide range of readings, this course aims to cover the following:

- Analyze and illustrate theoretical frameworks in the study of race, gender, and class relations;
- Explain and demonstrate an understanding of how race, class, and gender intersect with other categories of social experience such as sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, dis/ability, religion, and age;
- Examine social inequality through theorizing anti-racism and comprehend the impact of social division and oppression on multiple level;
- Show an exercise how to break the cycles of oppression of various disadvantaged groups;
- Demonstrate the role of advocacy groups, grassroots organizations, and coalition building.

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:

- GSWS 314 Electronic readings available through SFU Library

Recommended: In addition, a set of readings will be available through SFU Library.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:

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Prerequisite: 15 units. Students who have taken either GSWS 301 (or WS 301) or GSWS 310 (or WS 310) as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for credit.