GSWS 204-3: SEX AND THE CITY

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Course Description:
This course explores the sexual and gender 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.

At the end of this course, students will have:
- Developed an intersectional understanding for the urban geographies of sexualities.
- Used analytical writing to examine the role of sexuality and gender in cities.
- Designed a creative project to interpret and teach about gender, sex, and sexuality and the urban form.

Educational Goals:
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:
Various content (journal articles, memoirs, podcasts, etc.) available on Canvas, online, and/or via SFU library databases.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
1. Attendance and participation (15%)
2. Teaching activity, including peer review and self-assessment (35%)
3. Artifact analyses (20%)
4. Cumulative reviews (30%)

Prerequisite:

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)