GSWS 100-3: SEX TALK: INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN SEXUALITY STUDIES (Breadth-Humanities)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Students are introduced to major contemporary issues in sexuality studies through an exploration of how sex is portrayed in different media contexts. We will also examine the underlying political, social, and philosophical contexts of these sexual representations. Topics covered include: an overview of contemporary theories of sexuality; debates on the sexualization of culture; social media and the ethics of sexual expression; screen culture and the cinematic language of sex; celebrity culture and sex scandals; consumer culture and sexual representation; and the discourse of sexual identity.

At the end of the course, students are expected to:
• demonstrate knowledge of contemporary perspectives on sexuality and culture
• participate intelligently in debates and discussion on sexual culture
• develop critical skills and research techniques
• develop capacity for intellectual curiosity and open-minded thinking

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:
For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

COURSE TEXTS AND COURSEWARE:
Required readings are available through SFU library and linked on Canvas.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Tutorial Attendance & Participation 20%
Mid-Term Exam 30%
Research Assignment 20%
Final Exam (Take-home) 30%

PREREQUISITE: Students who have completed GDST 200 may not complete this course for further credit. Breadth-Humanities.