

## **Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (FYSM 1402A)**

An interdisciplinary introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer studies, from the historical emergence of the field to the contemporary cultural and political issues that remain central to the discipline. Students' critical thinking and writing skills will be sharpened through an exploration of film, art, archives, oral histories, ethnographies, legal documents, scholarly texts, and literature organized into thematic units on the social construction of sexuality, colonization, criminalization, proto-gay and lesbian movements, gay liberation, lesbian feminism, trans liberation, rights-based organizing, queer theory, HIV/AIDS, sex work, censorship, immigration, and more. Course materials will emphasize how LGBTQ identities are co-constituted along other axes of difference including, but not limited to class, gender, race, ethnicity, citizenship, and ability. As such, this class will foreground queer interventions in feminist, disability, and critical race studies. This will be an interactive and lively discussion-based seminar that will prepare students for deeper engagement with sexuality studies and/or queer/trans activism.

Course materials will be delivered primarily through synchronous online teaching. There are no prerequisites for this course. Assignments are designed to develop student research and writing skills in a cooperative environment. This course precludes WGST 1808.