

Gender, Sexuality and the Law

Credit Weighting: .5**Pre-/Co-Requisites:** 1 of PHIL*2060,
POLS*2000,
POLS*2150,
SOAN*2400**Restrictions:** None**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION****Name:** Diez, Jordi**Email:** jdiez@uoguelph.ca**Office Location:** MCKN 539**GENERAL DETAILS**

This course introduces students to the politics surrounding the legal regulation of sexuality. It analyzes how the distribution of power through political institutions determines how we understand sex, who is considered a sex agent and what types of sexual behaviour are legally and ethically acceptable. Special attention is given to the relationship between sex, gender and sexual orientation. The course opens with some contextual classes on the history of sexual regulation and the main critical approaches to the study of the intersection between politics and sex. We then look at recent challenges to sexual regulation around prostitution, same-sex marriage and gendered-violence.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Obtain a solid understanding of the legal regulation of sexuality in Canada and in comparative perspective.

Mobilize knowledge resources in these areas in order to solve complex problems and conduct research independently

Effectively communicate an argument using strong and supportive evidence

Critically analyze arguments and evidentiary claims made by others

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

- Mid-Term 30%
- Film Review 20%
- Essay 25%
- Final Exam 25%

REQUIRED READING

See syllabus