



FEMST 151: Introduction to Queer and Trans* Sports Studies Summer Session B 2017

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Enrollment Code: 16840

This course brings queer and trans* theories, practices, and perspectives to sports. Themes include: the historical and ideological dominance of gender binarism in athletics; the deep-seated assumption that gender segregation in sports is “fair” and the ideologies that inform this assumption; the surveillance of transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex athletes; how gender and sexual categories are constituted through media, public, and institutional discourses; and how racialized queer and trans* athletes shape and are shaped by these discourses. The course also considers other issues in sports such as pleasure, pain, bonding, pink-washing, heteronormativity, homonormativity, masculinity, femininity, as well as the politics of nation-building vis-à-vis LGBTQ activist campaigns. Students will analyze queer and trans* embodiment in relation to race, ethnicity, class, ability, citizenship, and age.

