

*Available in Summer Sessions A & B!*

## **GSST 13S: Gender & Disability**

Asynchronous Online Session A: CRN 77393 Prof. C. Baik

Asynchronous Online Session B: CRN 77396 Prof. K. Guenther



This unique and provocative course gives students the opportunity to examine gender and disability from feminist and critical perspectives. We will explore the intersections of disability, gender, sexualities, race, and class. We will confront, analyze, and challenge the limits of how we currently understand the diversity of human bodies and minds and the social formations that interpret bodily differences.

Topics will include:

- what the dis/ability system is and how it operates
- why the work of caregiving is socially devalued and what we can do to support a broader culture of care
- how disability and disabled people of various genders are represented in literature and mass media
- what the Medical Industrial Complex is and how it reinforces ableism
- how social movements and activism challenge and/or reinforce dominant cultural ideas about gender and disability
- why the sexuality of disabled people is stigmatized in some countries and encouraged in others
- why institutionalization (in asylums, prisons, and other carceral settings) has been a core social response to disability in the US

This is UCR's *only* lower-division course, prereq-free course on disability. Access for all!

This course is relevant for all majors and career trajectories, including “helping” professions like medicine, counseling, social work, education/teaching, and community organizing.