

# GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

## GPHY 352: Gender and the City



<b>Contact Time</b>	Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:30pm in MacDonald (Law) 3 Thursdays 2:30pm to 4:00pm in MacDonald (Law) 3
<b>Format</b>	Two 1.5 hour lectures twice a week
<b>Class Assessment</b>	Participation (20%), Book Review (20%), Podcast Report (20%), Critical Reflection(s) (20%), Take-home Exam (20%)

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course explores contested relationships between gender, sexuality, the city, and its everyday lived experiences/outcomes. By unfolding and questioning power dynamics shaping everyday life of urban dwellers, this course will examine a number of key questions, such as: what interconnected historical and contemporary urban processes produce gendered and sexualized discourses, social constructions, framings, and experiences? Why are certain bodies/sexual practices/gender politics normalized and encouraged, whereas others are excluded, criminalized, and marginalized? How do cities shape our understandings of gender and sexuality and vice versa? How do gendered ideas and assumptions shape the design of public space, the physical layout of workplaces and home, and daily mobility across multiple scales including the body, neighbourhood, community, social media, eating, planning, and social movements in cities? What forms of subversive social and spatial practices are produced by marginalized and excluded bodies to reclaim their space in the city? Focusing on contemporary cases and scholarly work across the Global North and the Global South, between epistemologies, and using creative mediums to foster our classroom discussions, we will analyze alternative social, spatial, and temporal imaginaries about the possibility of thinking and creating more inclusive cities.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Adopt a critical thinking lens, and develop conceptual, theoretical, and methodological tools to analyze gendered assumptions, ideas, and constructions of urban spaces across its various contexts and platforms
- Integrate creative mediums and everyday life experiences by applying theoretical frameworks
- Engage an intersectional approach to analyze and unpack complex issues and processes shaping everyday life in cities
- Understand and go beyond conceptual dichotomies

### COURSE TOPICS

The course will explore topics including public and private spaces; bodies and cities; social reproduction, care and work; spatial everyday mobility; urbanization, sexuality and gender politics; feminist, decolonial and queer interventions to urban geographies

### COURSE READINGS

Selected readings will be posted on OnQ.