

INTRO TO QUEER STUDIES

CONTEMPORARY CRITICAL THEORY

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One of the most influential developments to come out of English departments in the past 40 years has been the field of queer theory, which examines, critiques, and historicizes what appears permanent, natural, or normal about gender, sexuality, and identity. That approach might make queer theory exemplar among post-structuralist and post-modernist approaches. It equally makes queer analysis especially useful when intersecting with analysis of race, class, nationalism, or colonialism. This course offers an introduction to queer studies, with emphasis on its intersection with other critical and theoretical approaches.
