Understandings and expressions of masculinity differ across social contexts and time periods. For instance, in the Victorian era it was common for men to hold hands, sleep in the same bed, and write one another romantic letters. When and why did this change? Other questions this course will explore include: What is masculinity? How has it varied historically? In what ways does masculinity differ across social contexts? How can masculinity create and/or reflect different types of social inequalities? In what ways can seemingly progressive forms of masculinity actually reinforce inequality? The course will also explore the relationship between masculinity and topics as varied as voting patterns, gun ownership, and sexual harassment. Additionally, the course will examine how masculinity relates to sexuality, class, race/ethnicity, geographic location, and nationality.