This course introduces the interdisciplinary field of trans* studies. We will examine the development of trans*, transgender, gender diversity, and trans studies as it is situated across cultural, social, medical, legal, diagnostic, and political contexts. Our approach will be interdisciplinary—examining representations from fiction, film and theory. Our texts will come from multiple disciplines, including legal studies, history, English, psychology, sociology, anthropology and medicine. We will also include trans*-related concepts and histories outside the US. Core course questions include: what is trans* studies? How does it differ from other forms of scholarly inquiry including feminist, gender, queer, and sexuality studies? What are the key questions and debates within the field? How is the concept of transgender remapping the relationship among biological sex, gender, and sexuality? What are the intersections with feminist, queer, and critical race studies? How does the term transgender (tg) relate to non-western embodiments and practices?

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