



## Instructors:

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## Course Description

This interactive course is designed to build on the knowledge and skills developed in Safe Space by digging deeper into topics and concepts related to LGBTQIA histories, identities, and communities. Through presentations from the instructors and guest speakers, short readings, and class discussions, participants will gain a greater understanding of the many forms that allyship can take, as well as an appreciation for the intellectual, political, and social contributions of the scholars and activists of the LGBTQIA community

## Course Schedule for Level 2

### Session 1: Intersex 101

**Date: Thursday, Feb 2, 9:00-10:30am**

**Location: Piedmont Room, Student Center**

This session will provide an overview of the main issues surrounding intersex bodies, conditions, and identities. We will learn about what intersex means and how it is viewed differently by medical practitioners, gender theorists, and intersex activists.

### Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Define terms relating to intersex
- Describe how and why intersex conditions are subjected to medical interventions
- Describe the purpose and demands of intersex activism

### Session 2: Non-Monosexual Identities

**Date: Thursday, Feb 16, 9:00-10:30am**

**Location: Piedmont Room, Student Center**

In this session, we will learn about non-monosexual orientations that are often erased from discussions of queerness – asexuality, bisexuality, and pansexuality. We will learn about what these different terms mean, how our understanding of them has changed over time, and how and why erasure occurs in queer communities.

### Learning Outcomes

Participants will be able to:

- Define asexuality, aromanticism, pansexuality, bisexuality, and related terms

- Debunk myths and stereotypes that can be harmful to people with these identities
- Describe how these identities often get erased in favor of discussing monosexual orientations such as gay and lesbian

### **Session 3: Legislative Advocacy Workshop**

**Date: Thursday, March 2, 9:00-10:30am**

**Location: Piedmont Room, Student Center**

In this session, we will hear from staff at Georgia Equality who will explain how the legislative process works in Georgia, provide an update on any LGBTQIA bills currently being developed, and share how citizens can engage in legislative advocacy at the capitol by communicating with their elected officials. This training will equip participants with the skills to engage actively in the legislative process.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Participants will be able to:

- Describe how the legislative process works at the state level
- Engage in effective advocacy with elected officials, particularly regarding LGBTQIA issues

### **Session 4: Queer Atlanta History**

**Date: Thursday, March 16 – 9am-10:30am**

**Location: Piedmont Room, Student Center**

In this session, we will explore Atlanta’s rich history relating to LGBTQIA community, activism, and advocacy. Learn about important dates, locations, and figures in LGBTQIA fight for LGBTQIA equality.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Participants will be able to:

- Identify key moments in Atlanta LGBTQIA history
- Identify at least two organizations that are impacting LGBTQIA communities in Atlanta

### **Session 5: Allyship II – Difficult Dialogues**

**Date: Thursday, March 30, 9:00-10:30am**

**Location: Piedmont Room, Student Center**

In this session, we will explore strategies for engaging in difficult conversations with others about LGBTQIA issues. Learn how to provide accurate, evidence-informed responses to common misconceptions and false statements about LGBTQIA people and how to navigate contentious conversations in both professional and personal situations.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Participants will be able to:

- Identify opportunities to intervene with and on behalf of oppressed groups
- Educate others about LGBTQIA issues
- Adapt talking points for different audiences