Overview

Course Times + Location:
Distance Education

Description

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:
An interdisciplinary study of the social and cultural construction of gender, and how ideas about masculinity and femininity shape current issues, knowledge, popular culture, and social policy. Students who have completed WS 101 may not take GSWS 101 for further credit. Breadth-Social Sciences.

COURSE DETAILS:
An interdisciplinary examination of the work, status, and lives of Canadian women, the social and cultural construction of gender, and the ways ideas about gender shape systems of knowledge, social institutions, and social policy. Students will examine interconnections of gender with race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality, address how women's lives and identities are shaped by the intersection of oppression and privilege, and discuss the history and future of feminist activism. Students will develop critical and analytical skills by investigating popular stereotypes and assumptions about sexual difference and their effects within social institutions such as law, politics, work, religion, media, and the family. As well, students will analyze how the lives of women have been shaped by individual and institutional power relations. Topics include pornography, cultural representations of women, sexual violence, and women's and human rights in transnational context.

Grading

Online Discussions 25%
Assignments 50%
Final Exam 25%

NOTES:
Due to COVID-19, grading changes are...
Final Exam 25% (now ONLINE)

REQUIRED READING:

Gendering the Vertical Mosaic: Feminist Perspectives on Canadian Society (2005, 2nd Ed.), Hamilton
ISBN: 9780131473713
Centre for Online and Distance Education Notes:

**All CODE Courses are delivered through Canvas unless noted otherwise on the course outline.**
https://canvas.sfu.ca

**Required Readings** listed on the course outlines are the responsibility of the student to purchase. Textbooks are available for purchase at the SFU Bookstore on the Burnaby campus or online through the Bookstore’s website.

**All CODE courses have an Additional Course Fee of $40**

**Exams**
Exams are scheduled to be written on the SFU Burnaby campus at the noted time and date (unless noted as a take-home exam).
If your course has a take-home exam, please refer to Canvas for further details.

Students are responsible for following all **Exam Policies and Procedures** (e.g., missing an exam due to illness).

This course outline was accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. Please check your course details in your online delivery method, such as Canvas.

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Registrar Notes:

SFU’s Academic Integrity web site [http://www.sfu.ca/students/academicintegrity.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/academicintegrity.html) is filled with information on what is meant by academic dishonesty, where you can find resources to help with your studies and the consequences of cheating. Check out the site for more information and videos that help explain the issues in plain English.

Each student is responsible for his or her conduct as it affects the University community. Academic dishonesty, in whatever form, is ultimately destructive of the values of the University. Furthermore, it is unfair and discouraging to the majority of students who pursue their studies honestly. Scholarly integrity is required of all members of the University. [http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student/s10-01.html](http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student/s10-01.html)

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