GSWS 314-4: RACE, CLASS AND GENDER

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course provides students with an overview of the interlocking nature of race, class and gender relations at the micro- and macro- levels of society. It explores a number of themes in the analysis of race, class, gender relations, and sexuality in contemporary industrial societies. Using feminist and anti-racist perspectives, the course examines how race is mediated through other forms of social difference such as gender, class, sexuality, dis/ability, and age. Through a wide range of readings, this course aims to cover the following:
- Analyze and illustrate theoretical frameworks in the study of race, gender, and class relations;
- Explain and demonstrate an understanding of how race, class, and gender intersect with other categories of social experience such as sexuality, indigenous status, nationality, ethnicity, dis/ability, religion, and age;
- Examine social inequality through theorizing anti-racism and comprehend the impact of social division and oppression on multiple level;
- Show an exercise how to break the cycles of oppression of various disadvantaged groups;
- Demonstrate the role of advocacy groups, grassroots organizations, and coalition building.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:
For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

COURSE TEXTS AND COURSEWARE:
Required Readings:
- GSWS 314 Electronic readings available through SFU Library
Recommended: In addition, a set of readings will be available through SFU Library.

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Short Paper (1000 words; 4 pages) 20%
Mid-term in-class Exam (Two short essays out of 3 pre-selected questions) 35%
Final Paper (250 words per page; 2500 words) 30%
Class Attendance & Participation 15%

PREREQUISITE: 15 units. Students with credit for either GSWS 301 (or WS 301) or GSWS 310 (or WS 310) as Special Topics: Race, Class and Gender may not take this course for further credit.

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.
IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)