**Course Description:**
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.

**Requisite:**
Students who have taken GSWS 100 (or WS 100) at SFU may not take GSWS 101 (or WS 101) for further credit. Breadth-Social Sciences.

**Textbook:**

*Textbook(s) are available for purchase from the SFU Burnaby Bookstore approximately 3 weeks prior to the start of classes, either in person or online through the SFU Bookstore eService.*

**Course Material:**
- **Course Reader**

*The course materials are available for pick-up from the distance education office on the Burnaby campus (WMC 1392) approximately 3 weeks prior to the start of classes. SFU students who require materials to be mailed must ensure they have indicated “mail” on the SIS (Main Menu > Self Service > Enrollment > Distance Educ Materials). TRU-OL students will automatically have their course materials mailed to them (within Canada). Any student who has a mailing address outside of Canada must contact CODE (codehelp.sfu.ca) in order to receive their course materials.*

**Fees:**
- **Course Reader deposit fee** $35.00 CAD

**Delivery Method:**
- **Canvas**

**Course Requirements:**

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**Requirements Notes:**

**Please note:** Students requiring accommodation as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities at 778-782-3112 or csd_office@sfu.ca.

Students are responsible for following all exam policies and procedures (e.g., missing an exam due to illness) available here.

This course outline was accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. Please check your course requirements carefully when your class starts.