The starting point for exploring the psychological dynamics of women's lives will be a description of the real world for women. Brief background material ("Objective Conditions of Women's Lives in Canada") will be provided.

The issue of communication with each other, the world and ourselves alone, that is, how we come to learn/practice who we are, will be discussed. The content of this issue will be focused on sex-roles, language, assertiveness and power.

We will then move on to a discussion and analysis of the mental health/madness of women. We will look at the double standard of mental health for women and men, aspects of particular concern to women, eg., anger and alienation, the process of the "mental health industry," and radical alternatives. Sources for this section of the course will included "madwomen" in English literature.

The last section of the course will deal with the family, a materialist analysis of "personal life," and sexuality.

Oral presentations by students of topics of particular interest to you will also constitute part of the course content.

Course pre-requisite: W.St. 100 or teacher approval

Materials: Articles will be handed out in a packet in class. In addition, there will be one text (for the "madwomen in literature" assignment) of your choice.

Course Requirements:
26 2/3 %: Midterm essay exam: choice of two preannounced questions.
26 2/3 %: Take-home essay and panel discussion on "madwomen" in your choice of novel/novella/short story (from a recommended list). Only the essay will be graded.
26 2/3 %: Oral Presentation (on student-selected, approved topics).
20 %: Final exam (short essay).

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 - 3:20 p.m. AQ 2120A
Tut. 01 Tuesday 3:30 - 4:20 p.m. CC 5116
Tut. 02 Thursday 3:30 - 4:20 p.m. CC 5116

Prerequisite: W.S. 100 (may be concurrent with approval of Co-ordinating Committee)