WOMEN'S STUDIES 203-3
FEMALE ROLES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

Fall 1981

COURSE DESCRIPTION

We will examine factors that influence women's lives and women's life decisions. Emphasis will be placed on psychological, social, and economic factors that influence women's life choices. The organization of the course will combine a chronological/approach (childhood, adolescence, adulthood, aging) and a topical approach (sex differences, women's biology, marriage, motherhood, mental health, and sexuality). Each student will be responsible for one tutorial session where she/he will be expected to formulate questions and ideas from the readings on which the tutorial discussion will focus.

REQUIRED READING


There will also be a reprint package which will be distributed (at cost) on the first day of class.

ASSIGNMENTS

Mid-term take home essay exam (approximate length 5-7 pages) - 20% of final grade.

Final take-home essay exam (approximate length 7-10 pages) - 40% of final grade.

Short paper on a subject of the students choice (5-10 pages) - 30% of final grade.

Note: This is not a research paper. Students will be encouraged to examine and criticize a few major sources (e.g. one book or several articles) in an area of their interest. The grade will be based not on how thoroughly the subject is reviewed but rather on evidence that critical and analytical thought has gone into the preparation of the paper.

Tutorial participation, including leading one tutorial session as described above will be 10% of final grade.