WOMEN'S STUDIES 001-3

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES

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This course has several goals. One is to make women more knowledgeable about and comfortable with their own bodies. Another is to investigate the health care industry in Canada and its relationship both to women's health and their self-perception. A third is to investigate the relationships between our bodies and the lives we lead, both in work and in play.

Topics to be covered include: Anatomy and physiology, with a discussion of the range of both reproductive and non-reproductive sex differences; aspects of women's health, including birth control, venereal disease, breast cancer, abortion, menopause; Sexuality; rape; the structure of the health industry plus alternatives; medicine and health; work and health; and life style considerations.

Requirements: 2 class exams 40%
Tutorial participation/presentation 25%
individual project 35%

Required Reading: Our Bodies, Ourselves, Boston Women's Health Book Collective
Complaints and Disorders, D. Ehrenreich and B. English
Witches, Midwives and Nurses, D. Ehrenreich and B. English
Women's Work, Women's Health, J. Stellman