WOMEN'S STUDIES 100-4

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

Fall Semester 1983
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This course will be an introduction to some of the most fundamental and fascinating issues concerning women:

- Have women always and everywhere been subordinate to men?
- Does biology determine the work that women do and the power relations between men and women?
- How are the power relations between the sexes reflected in every aspect of economic, social, political, legal, sexual, cultural and intellectual life?
- Why do women earn lower wages than men?
- Why are women as mothers and wives honoured in words but left in poverty?

We will examine the complex means by which our culture "creates" the contemporary Canadian woman, and we will look also at efforts that women, personally and collectively, have made and are making to "recreate" themselves and a more equitable and humane society.

Our sources will include everything from philosophy to novels and films, from newspaper articles to current feminist scholarship.

Required Reading

Margaret Atwood, The Edible Woman

Fitzgerald, Guberman and Wolfe, eds., Still Ain't Satisfied! Canadian Feminism Today

Reading Packet (Available at cost from the instructor)

There will be three lecture/discussion hours and one tutorial hour per week.

Lecture: Mon. 2:30 - 4:20 K9501
          Wed. 2:30 - 3:20

Tutorials: Wed. 12:30
           1:30
           3:30

Grading breakdown will be announced at first class.