WOMEN'S STUDIES 100-4

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

Spring Semester 1984

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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?
- Why do women earn lower wages than men?
- How are the power relations between the sexes reflected in every aspect of economic, social, political, legal, sexual, cultural and intellectual life?
- Can feminism be traced as far back as the 15th century?

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

Paul & Erin Phillips, Women and Work: Inequality in the Labour Market

Margaret Atwood, The Edible Woman

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

Canadian Feminism Today

Reading Packet (Available at cost from the general office).

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

Lecture:  Mon. 1:30 - 3:20 K9501  Wed. 1:30 - 2:20 K9501

Tutorials:  Wed. 12:30  2:30  3:30

Grading breakdown:

Tutorial Participation:  20%
Midterm Examination:  20%
6-10 Page Essay:  30%
Final Examination:  30%