In this course we will focus on the lives of modern Canadian women and how our culture "creates" her, and we will look also at the efforts that women, personally and collectively, have made and are making to "recreate" themselves and a more equitable and humane society. In order to do this we will examine a wide range of questions, including:

- How do women and men talk to each other? What does this tell us about power?
- Why do women earn lower wages than men?
- Why is housework important work and who does the housework?
- How do women combine working outside the home with raising a family?
- What are special problems of minority women in Canada?
- What role does biology play in determining women's and men's roles?
- How do parents treat girl children differently than boy children, even if they think they're treating them the same?
- How do women view pornography?
- Can feminism be traced as far back as the 15th century?
- What are women doing today to change women's lives for the better?

Required Reading:

Still Ain't Satisfied: Canadian Feminism Today, Fitzgerald, M., Guberman, C., and Wolfe, M. (eds.)
The Edible Woman, Atwood, M.

Reading packets, available at cost from General Office, CC 9221.

Organization:

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

Lectures: Mon. 1430 - 1620 AQ 5037 & Wed. 1530 - 1620 AQ 5037
Tutorials: Mon. 1330 - 1420 AQ 5082 OR Wed. 1230 - 1320 AQ 5020 OR Wed. 1330 - 1420 AQ 5028

Assignments:

20% Tutorial participation (including three short essays over the readings early in the term and one short oral report)
20% In class mid-term exam
30% 6-10 page essay
30% Final examination (during examination period)