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 do parents treat girl children differently than boy children even if they think they're treating them the same?
- Why do women earn lower wages than men?
- How do women view pornography?
- What arguments have women made for changes in the private and the public spheres of women?
- 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.

This course is designed for independent study and is interdisciplinary in nature. Readings range from philosophy to fiction, popular journalism and feminist scholarship. Assigned texts will be accompanied by a study guide, course readings, and audio cassette discussions, as well as by a series of eight telecasts on the Knowledge Network. An on-campus one-day seminar is possible if students are interested.

**Required Reading**

Paul and 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

Penney Kome, Somebody Has To Do It: Whose Work Is Housework?

**Assignments**

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**Knowledge Network Teleseries** (Lower Mainland Converter Channel 18)

Each program will feature a film or videotape and discussion with invited guests moderated by Dr. Anita Clair Fellman. Programs will be shown on Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m., September 17 - November 5, and repeated on Saturdays at 10:00 p.m., September 21 - November 9. Program flyers and Viewer's Guides are available through the Women's Studies General Office, CC 9221, telephone 291-3593.