WOMEN'S STUDIES 100-4

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

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 feminist scholarship, popular journalism and fiction. 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:
Phillips, Paul, & Erin Phillips
Women and Work: Inequality in the Labour Market

Atwood, Margaret
The Edible Woman

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

Kome, Penney
Somebody Has to Do It: Whose Work is Housework?

ASSIGNMENTS:
20% - Two sets of answers to study guide questions
30% - Mid-term exam
20% - 6-10 page essay
30% - Take-home final exam (to be submitted with a reading journal at the end of the term)

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 eight Saturdays: #1: Sept 27 (12 noon), #2: Oct 4 (12 noon), #3: Nov. 1 (12 noon), #4: Nov 8 (10 pm), #5: Nov 15 (10 pm), #6: Nov. 22 (11:30 am), #7, Nov 29 (12 noon), #8, Dec 6 (12 noon). Program flyers are available through the Women's Studies General Office, CC 9221, telephone 291-3593.