CALCULATION DESCRIPTION:
A critical analysis of certain "hot" issues in criminology and criminal justice. The topics covered change from semester to semester.

PREREQUISITES:  
CRIM 101. Reserved for Criminology Majors, Honours and Minors. Others admitted only on written permission of the Department. A student may not take for credit toward the degree more than three special topic courses (i.e. CRIM 416, 417, 418).

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will provide an in-depth consideration of the relationship of women to the state and the law. The nature of the contribution of criminal and family law to the reproduction of gender relations will be analyzed. The implications of legal intervention and non-intervention in family relations, sex-specific and sex-related legislation will be examined. Theoretical concepts and issues such as patriarcal relations, sexuality and reproduction, and formal and informal control will be addressed.

PURPOSE OF COURSE:  
To introduce upper level undergraduates to theoretical and practical issues in law and criminology with a view to developing a critical analysis of the relationship and contribution of the criminal law to the subordination of women in the current Canadian context. Specific issues to be addressed include the criminal offences relating to sexuality, reproduction, sexual and domestic violence. The course will also consider the significance and limits of concepts such as equality, privacy and autonomy in the criminal law.

REQUIRED TEXTS:  

EVALUATION:  
Midterm Assignment 30%  
Seminar Presentation 15%  
Seminar Participation 10%  
Term Paper: Proposal and Outline 5%  
Final Paper 40%  

Assignment and Course Grade Appeals  
Students dissatisfied with a mark for an assignment must appeal the mark, using an appeal form available in the School of Criminology General Office, within two weeks of receiving the mark. Final grades in a course must be appealed by the end of the following semester.

NOTE: This course is also designated for Women's Studies credit.