HISTORY DEPARTMENT

DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE

HISTORY 484 (DISC)  A. FELLMAN
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THE HISTORY OF WOMEN IN NORTH AMERICA 1830 TO THE PRESENT

CONTENT: This course covers four topics: a demographic overview of the changes in Women's Lives; Women's Work at Home; Women in the Labour Force; Women and Politics (private and public). These topics are further broken down into ten units or modules. Each module includes: a clearly stated set of objectives indicating to the student what he or she will be expected to know by the end of the module; reading assignments; introductions to the reading intended to help the student pick out the important points; practice questions (and an answer key) to enable the student to test himself or herself along the way; and one or two essay questions (usually under 800 words each) upon completion of the module, which will be graded.

Every effort has been made to make the course as complete and precise as possible to compensate for the absence of regular face-to-face contact between student and instructor. Throughout the course, the student's essays will be graded by the same individual who will comment extensively on the essays and who will develop a sense of the student's strengths, difficulties, and interests as revealed in his or her work.

GRADING: There are ten self-contained units or modules, each containing a graded, written assignment, occasionally in the form of a multiple choice test, but usually consisting of one or two essay questions.

TEXTS: Nellie McClung, Clearing in the West
Acton, Goldsmith, Shepard, eds., Women at Work; Ontario 1850-1930
Julie White, Women and Unions
Carol Berkin & Mary Beth Norton, Women of America, A History
Lois Banner & Elizabeth Cady Stanton, A Radical for Women's Rights

A book of readings comprised of articles and book excerpts which is loaned to students for the duration of the semester.

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