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 girls differently than boys 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 public spheres?
- 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.

Our sources will include everything from philosophy and history to films, television, and novels: from newspaper articles to current feminist scholarship. The format will include lectures, guest lectures, and discussions.

**REQUIRED READING**

Phillips, Paul, & Erinn Phillips  
*Women & Work: Inequality in the Labour Market*

Atwood, Margaret  
*The Edible Woman*

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

Course reader and reading packet available at cost from Instructor or General Office: CC 9221.

**ORGANIZATION**

There will be three lecture/discussion hours and one tutorial hour per week (see times, above). Location: Lecture: AQ 5037; Tut: 1&3: AQ 5048; 2: AQ 5017.

**GRADING STRUCTURE**

20% - tutorial participation (including study questions and reading journal)  
20% - take-home midterm exam  
30% - 6-10 page essay  
30% - take-home final exam