This course focuses on the lives of modern Canadian Women, the range of choices they have, how our culture shapes their experience and what they have done and are doing to expand their options and create a more equitable society. In order to do this, we consider controversies and recent scholarship on issues such as:

1) Sexism in everyday life, or who talks most and what does that tell us about power relationships?
2) Nature or nurture, or the role of biology and socialization in gender differences.
3) Sexuality and the State, including pornography, abortion and surrogate motherhood.
4) Two labor markets, or why do women receive lower wages?
5) Does equality include housework?
6) How new is feminism, or why do women have the vote, the right to a university education, etc.?

REQUIRED READING


ORGANIZATION

There will be three hours of lecture/films and class discussion and one hour of small group discussion in tutorial per week.

ASSIGNMENTS

Tutorial participation:
- two short written comments on assigned readings early in the semester . . . . . . 10%
- oral commentary on assigned readings throughout the term . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10%

Short essay (5 – 7 pages) due week 10 . . . 30%
Take-home mid-term examination, week 7 . . 20%
Take-home final examination . . . . . . . . . 30%

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